

French Mnemonics for the Periodic Table

In December, in this journal (1), Michael *et al.* propose some Multilingual Mnemonics for the Periodic Table. The proposed languages were the Spanish, the English and at least the German. Memorizing names and symbols could be easy but the exact horizontal and vertical is very hard to remember ... but is easier by the use of mnemonics.

By this letter, we wish to continue the international letter of December by given French sentences to help young chemists.

The next 4 periods can be remembered thanks to:

Lily Bêchait Bien Chez Notre Oncle François Nestor

(Lily was turning over well at our uncle François Nestor's)

Napoléon Mangeait Allègrement Six Poulets Sans Claquer d'Argent¹

(Napoleon used to eat over six chickens without burning money)

Kroutchev Carambola Scandaleusement Tito. Valentine Cria Magnanime. F(e)ait pas le Corrompu

Nikita, avec ton Cuir en Zinc Galvanisé, tu Gènes Assurément le Seul Brasseur du Kremlin²

(Kroutchev outrageously collided with Tito. Valentine shouted magnanimous. Don't act as a corrupted Nikita ! With your galvanized zinc leather, you're definitely bothering the Kremlin's only brewer)

à Rubis Sur Yttres, Zorba, Nonobstant, Moulait des Tank(c)s Russes sur le Rhin Pendant

qu'Agacée, Candy Insistât sur Son Sbire Tellement Inquiet et Xénophobe (ou Xylophage)

(In Ruby-Sur-Yttres, Zorba, nevertheless, was moulding Russian tanks on the Rhine while, harassed, Candy was insisting on her so worried and xenophobic henchman)

We hope that these sentences will help French speaking students.

Notes

1. It must be take care that Ar is argon and not silver in French
2. A more incorrect politically sentence can be asked to the authors.

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