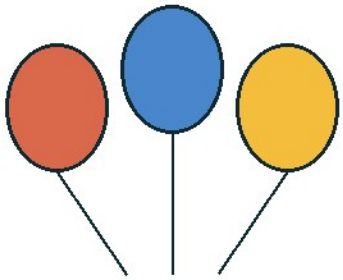
Helium: Element 2

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He is lighter than air

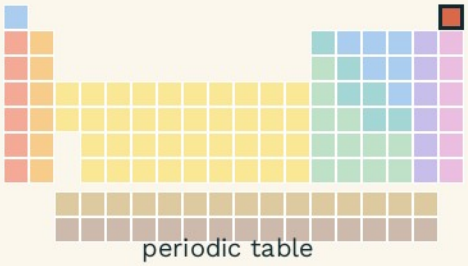
WHERE YOU FIND IT

- Party balloons
- Cooling the magnets in hospital scanners
- The Sun and the stars

WHAT IT DOES FOR US

Helium is lighter than air and does not burn, so balloons float. It stays a gas at extremely low temperatures, which helps cool powerful magnets.

WHERE IT SITS



periodic table

FUN FACT

Helium was first discovered in the Sun's light in 1868, before anyone found it on Earth.

SAFE TO KNOW

Never breathe helium from a balloon or tank: it pushes out the air you need and can make you faint.

Adults: never let children mix, heat or taste chemicals.

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