

A is for acceleration, the property of moving things
B is for *beta particles* which radiation brings
C is for the *constant*, the speed of light
D is for *distance*, for things well apart
E is for *energy* appearing in all forms
F is for the *force* that bends and transforms
G is for *gravity*, a force so small
H is for *height* from which things can fall
I is for *inertia* - reluctance to change state
J is for *joule*, the energy we can create
K is for *kilo*, a prefix 10 to the power of 3
L is for *length*, a measure of how long things can be
M is for *mass*, either small or great
N is for *newton*, the unit of weight
O is for *oscillation* which is always the same
P is for *pressure* that can be hard to tame
Q is for *quark*, the constituent of matter
R is for *radius*; the smaller the better
S is for a *second* – a moment to choose
T is for *time* which we hate to lose
U is for unit, the quantity of measure
V is for *velocity*, our greatest pleasure
W is for *watt*, a measure of power
X is for *x-ray*, the invisible is ours.
Y is for Young's modulus, just to impress your friends
Z is for zero energy, where this alphabet ends.