

Cadmium

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Discovered in 1817



Discovered by  
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Cadmium is used in  
nuclear reactors as it  
absorbs neutrons



The name is derived  
from the Latin word  
'cadmia', the name  
of mineral calmine

Cadmium is toxic, carcinogenic and  
teratogenic. But on average we take in  
0.05 mg each day