

Lanthanum

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Discovered in 1839



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Lanthanum is  
added in glass of  
some camera lenses  
to improve image  
clarity



The name came,  
from the Ancient  
Greek -lanthanein,  
meaning "to lie  
hidden"

Mischmetal alloy is mostly used in flints for  
cigarette lighters. Lanthanum is an important  
component of this alloy.