

Glossary

V

vegetables

- artichoke** a variety of thistle cultivated as food
- Brussels sprout** small leafy green vegetable buds
- cabbage** vegetable with thick green or purple leaves
- cauliflower** type of cabbage with edible white flower head
- courgette** immature fruit of a vegetable marrow
- marrow** long white-fleshed gourd with green skin 1
- spinach** green, leafy vegetable
- zucchini** *see* courgette

S

symbols

Greek symbols

- α alpha
- β beta
- χ chi
- δ delta
- ϵ epsilon
- η eta
- γ gamma
- ι iota
- κ kappa
- λ lambda
- μ mu
- ν nu
- ω omega
- o omicron
- ϕ phi
- π pi
- ψ psi
- ρ rho
- σ sigma
- τ tau
- θ theta
- v upsilon
- ε epsilon (variant)
- \varkappa kappa (variant)
- φ phi (variant)
- ϖ pi (variant)
- ϱ rho (variant)
- ς sigma (variant)

ϑ theta (variant)

ξ xi

ζ zeta

Latin symbols

f function

L Lagrangian function

t time variable or parameter

x first unknown variable or horizontal co-ordinate

y second unknown variable or vertical co-ordinate

z third unknown variable or co-ordinate

pictographs

♣ club

◇ diamond

♥ heart

♠ spade

M

minerals

amethyst purple variety of quartz

aquamarine light blue variety of beryl

aragonite a crystal form of calcium carbonate

bakerite a borosilicate mineral

beryl composed of beryllium aluminium cyclosilicate 2

bilinite an iron sulfate mineral

biotite a common phyllosilicate mineral

calcite a crystal form of calcium carbonate

chalcedony cryptocrystalline variety of quartz

citrine yellow variety of quartz

cobaltite a sulfide mineral composed of cobalt, arsenic and sulfur

corundum crystalline form of aluminium oxide

cyanotrichite a hydrous copper aluminium sulfate mineral

diamond a metastable allotrope of carbon

dolomite an anhydrous carbonate mineral

lettsomite *see* cyanotrichite

quartz hard mineral consisting of silica 2

quetzalcoatlite a rare tellurium oxysalt mineral

vaterite a crystal form of calcium carbonate

vulcanite a rare copper telluride mineral

markup languages

HTML (hypertext markup language) the standard markup language for creating web pages 3

MathML (mathematical markup language) markup language for describing mathematical notation

SVG (scalable vector graphics) XML-based vector image format

XHTML (extensible hypertext markup language) XML version of HTML

XML (extensible markup language) a markup language that defines a set of rules for encoding documents 2, 3

A

animals

aardvark nocturnal African burrowing mammal

armadillo nocturnal insectivore with large claws

chicken a domestic fowl

duck a waterbird with webbed feet

goose a large waterbird with a long neck, short legs, webbed feet and a short broad bill

hedgehog small nocturnal mammal with a spiny coat and short legs

parrot mainly tropical bird with bright plumage

sea lion a large type of seal

seal sea-dwelling fish-eating mammal with flippers 3

swan a large waterbird with a long flexible neck, short legs, webbed feet and a broad bill

zander large freshwater perch

zebra wild African horse with black-and-white stripes

agencies

NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Ofcom Office of Communications

Ofsted Office for Standards in Education

abbreviations