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1. *Chemistry can be fun, but don't overlook the chemical principles at the expense of fun.*
2. *Spectacular demonstrations could be used at Christmas time to inspire the students.*

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What's in a name?

If the new chemical nomenclature is intended to give a logical system for naming chemicals, and substances such as citric acid are really going to be called 2-hydroxypropan-1,2,3-tricarboxylic acid, why don't we extend the logic to other objects and phenomena about which confusion might arise? How about these:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Recommended Name*</u>	results	Montreal(II), Boston(IV)
car	4-cylindrico-intercombustodyno-propulsor	co-ordinate bond	2,4-me en-1, 4-you
girl	36-24-36-andverynice(II)	lunch	egg(I), sausage(II), rasher(III), 12-chips
insect	2-4-6-legga-segmenbod	emergency	infix, 9-1-1-di-al
beer	carboxy-ethanol-hic-maltjuice-hoptaste	tennis score	set(I) 2-ol
waltz	1-2-3, 1-2-3, 1-2-3, etc.		
poison	bicrikey-thasnasti		

*These were found and adapted by Ivan Cammelli. (Believe it or not, Ivan Cammelli is a Scot and he rattles off the above names with a thick burr.)

Nomenclature practice

With some imagination, and an occasional pun, it is possible to use the names of chemical elements in weird and wonderful ways. The first is an example, you do the rest:

<u>Clue</u>	<u>Element</u>
1. What are physicians for?	Helium _____
2. Policeman.	_____
3. Fund from mother's sister.	_____
4. Funeral chant.	_____
5. To press a shirt.	_____
6. Well driller's chat.	_____
7. To tease.	_____
8. Santa's parent reference to him.	_____
9. "..... anything to keep him quiet," says mother to father.	_____
10. To flavour food.	_____
11. Barbecue a hamburg to have it rare.	_____
12. Go get him!	_____
13. Doctor's purpose.	_____
14. Kitchen work area.	_____
15. Leg joint above the calf.	_____
16. Cowboy's cry after successful trip on a bronco.	_____
17. Foolish prisoner.	_____
18. Police activity at an address at which they suspect illegal activity.	_____
19. Chemical "Huron."	_____
20. Directed.	_____
21. Large building used to store street cars.	_____
22. on the Range.	_____
23. "Bubbles in the Wine," first name of leader.	_____
24. alone — a solitary meal.	_____
25. Well-known motor car.	_____
26. Popular house flower.	_____
27. Dull chemistry lecture.	_____
28. Golden Gate site.	_____
29. Repair clothes.	_____
30. Have the sniffles.	_____
31. Sea-going element.	_____
32. Don't take any wooden.....	_____
33. A lisping child's term for hearing.	_____
34. Good a person who helps.	_____
35. Refreshing drink.	_____

(The answers are on next page, 14.) ■