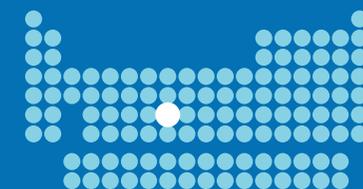
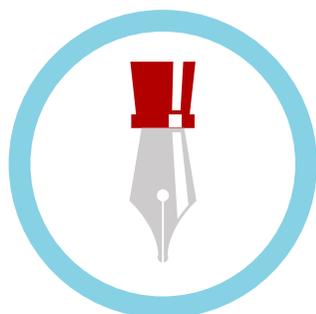


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FOUNTAIN PENS



Hard alloys of osmium and its neighbour, iridium, are often used in tips of fountain pens.

MICROSCOPY



Osmium tetroxide is used as a staining agent in some types of microscopy to make clearer images.

DENSE



Osmium is the most dense element in the periodic table, with a density about twice that of lead's.