**1.3 Elements: Names and Symbols**

Each element is identified by a name and a symbol.

Some of the ways used to determine the symbols include:

* The symbol is the first letter of the element’s name
* Where the names of two or more elements start with the same letter, two letters are used.
* Other symbols are derived from Latin names for the elements.
* Other elements take their symbols from other languages such as Greek or German.