

DISCOVERY OF OXYGEN: NAMES

Here are the 10 scientists again. Below each of them is a plaque that carries their correct names.



(a) John Mayow
(1640–1679)



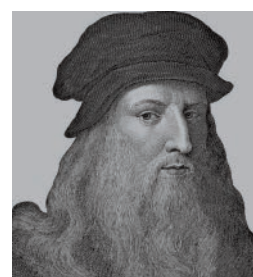
(b) Antoine Lavoisier
(1743–1794)



(c) Philo Mechanicus
(280–220 BC)



(d) Georg Ernst Stahl
(1659–1734)



(e) Leonardo da Vinci
(1452–1519)



(f) Robert Hooke
(1635–1703)



(g) Johann Joachim Becher
(1635–1682)



(h) Joseph Priestley
(1733–1804)



(i) Robert Boyle
(1627–1691)



(j) Carl Wilhelm Scheele
(1742–1786)

Some quick questions:

- How many names did you guess correctly?
- Which ones were particularly difficult to guess? Why?
- Which of these scientists do you find most interesting? Whose lives would you want to learn more about?
- If you were invited to share clues that you had written yourself, what would you write about each of these scientists?

The story of the discovery of oxygen reveals many interesting aspects of the nature and practice of science. To read a brief version of the story, turn to the article 'The Discovery of Oxygen' by Vijay Kumar Upadhyay on page 44 of this issue. If you would like to explore some of these aspects in more detail, please turn to page 61 of this issue.



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