

# Table Stakes

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The words “periodically”, “table”, and “compound” from the flavor text suggest elements. The numbers in the chips are atomic numbers. By replacing them with their corresponding element symbols, note that each hand decodes to the name of a Las Vegas casino on the strip – sans one or two letters that correspond to the symbol of the stolen element for that hand. The casino names are as follows (with the stolen element symbols shown in bold).

P Ar **I** S

Ca Es Ar S Pa La **Ce**

P Ar **I** S

W Y **N** N

**W** Y N N

Co S Mo P **O** Li Ta N

Mg Mg Ra **Nd**

Ne W Fr O N Ti **Er**

Ca Es Ar S Pa **La** Ce

Mg Mg Ra **Nd**

Placing the stolen element names (in the order listed) into the blank chips at the bottom spells the phrase \_\_\_ICeINWONdErLaNd. The answer is the element that completes this phrase – namely, **Al** or **ALUMINUM** (**ALUMINIUM** and **13** also accepted).

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