ELEMENTS OF FLIGHT

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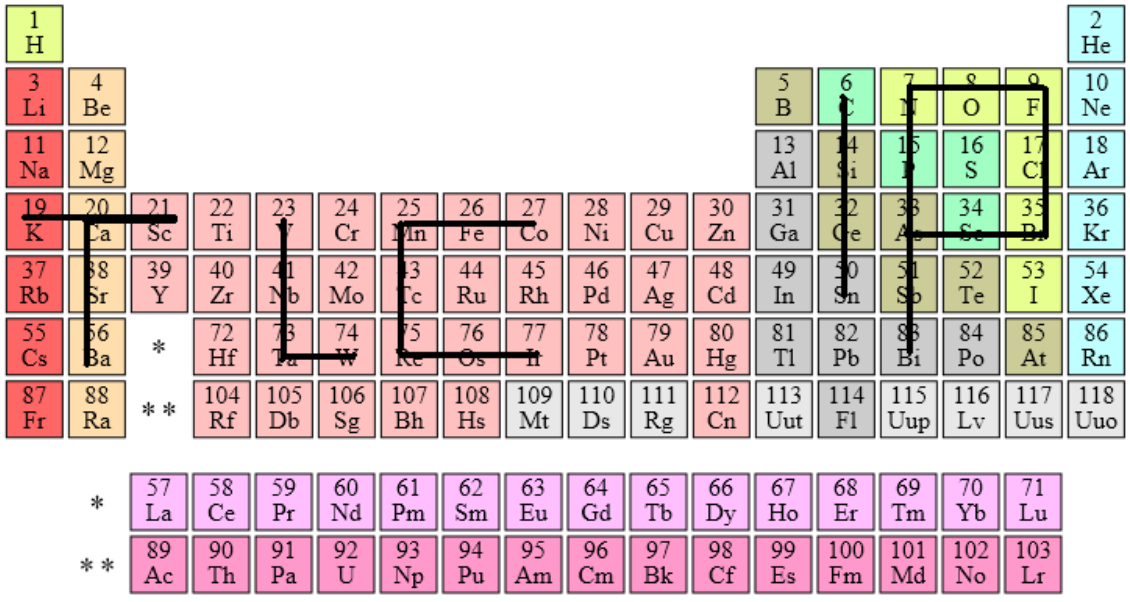
Using the link provided in the puzzle, note that each of the words in the lists can be broken down into an airport code and one or two letters that either precede and/or follow the airport code. The letters that remain by removing the airport codes (suggested by the flavortext "without airports") all form elemental symbols – as suggested by the puzzle's title and flavortext.

COAST **M**ELO**N** **RE**LAX CHA**IR**
BABE **GA**SPS **A**CID**S** BUR**N** **B**OGS
BIOME EAR**N** **F**ACT **BR**AID BET**AS**
COMA **S**ALO**N**
VAST **TA**INT **W**ORD
CLE**F** SPI**N** **A**PSE**S** **BR**AND **F**ONT
DEC**K** **SC**RAP **CA**GED **BA**RKS

For each of the above lists, we locate the corresponding elements on the periodic table. If we imagine placing a dot at each element's location and then connect the dots (starting with the one for the leftmost word and ending with the one for the rightmost word), we see that these "flight paths" form letters.

Reading the letters traced out from the top list to the bottom list gives the final answer of **COPILOT**.

For example: the diagram shows the letters C, P, I, L, and T, which correspond to the first, third, fourth, fifth, and seventh lists, respectively.



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