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**iridium** (i-rid'-i-um). (a) An element of the *platinum* group, symbol Ir. (b) A metallic white cubic mineral consisting of more than 80 percent Ir, the remainder being osmium, palladium, or related elements.

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