The removeChild() method removes a specified child node of the specified element.

**Example**

Removing first element from the list

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html>

<head>

<title>remove</title>

<script type="text/javascript">

var removeListItem = function(){

var ulElement = document.getElementById('non\_metals');

//ulElement.childNodes.length);

/\*alert(ulElement.childNodes[0].innerText);

//below code not working because at first node empty space present(text node)

if(ulElement.childNodes[0].innerText !== undefined){

ulElement.removeChild(ulElement.childNodes[0]);

}\*/

ulElement.removeChild(ulElement.getElementsByTagName('LI')[0]);

}

</script>

</head>

<body>

<div id="myDIV">

<ul id="non\_metals">

<li>sodium</li>

<li>magnessium</li>

<li>aluminuium</li>

<li>chlorium</li>

</ul>

<br>

<button onclick="removeListItem()">remove</button>

</div>

</body>

</html>