The replaceChild() method replaces a child node with a new node.

The new node could be an existing node in the document, or you can create a new node.

**Tip:** Use the removeChild() method to remove a child node from an element.

**Example** : replacing 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');

var newLiElement = document.createElement("LI");

var newNonMetal = document.createTextNode("potassium");

newLiElement.appendChild(newNonMetal);

ulElement.replaceChild(newLiElement, 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>