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The effects of isotopes are illustrated in Unknowns 2.1 to 2.3. The characteristic ratio of 3:1 for Unknown 2.1 makes the element easily recognizable. Note that the interpretation of m/z 36 as a fragment ion would be totally misleading! It is important that you become familiar with the isotope ratios of the common elements.

