

Vocabulary Connections Resources

Important Words to Know and Understand in Rocks and Minerals Word List

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Rocks and Minerals
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Crystal
The shape a mineral takes in a rock when the rock forms

Fossils
Something (such as a leaf, skeleton, or footprint) that's from a plant or animal which lived in ancient times and that you can see in some rocks

Gemstones
A stone that can be used in jewelry when it is cut and polished

Geologist
A scientist who studies rocks

Igneous Rocks
Rocks that are formed by the cooling of super hot rocks

Magma
Hot, melted rock that forms inside the Earth and comes out as lava

Metamorphic Rocks
Rocks that have been changed through heating and squeezing

Minerals
A substance that is naturally formed under the ground

Sedimentary Rocks
Rocks that are formed when many small pieces of rock are glued together

Tectonic Plates
Huge slabs of rock under the Earth's surface that are always moving and crashing into each other

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Crystal is a/an **Fossils is a/an** **Gemstones is a/an**

Crystal looks like this: **Fossils look like this:** **Gemstones look like this:**

Crystal reminds me of: **Fossils remind me of:** **Gemstones remind me of:**

I saw this word in **I saw this word in** **I saw this word in**

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Word Games
with Words from Rocks and Minerals

Directions: Graph the number of syllables in each of the words below.

Crystal **Fossils** **Gemstones** **Geologist** **Magma** **Minerals**

Directions: Match each vocabulary word to the correct meaning.

igneous **sedimentary** **metamorphic**

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Answer Key

Directions: Select a word from your reading that is new to you and write it in the box below. Then fill in the blanks to connect the new word to words you already know.

New Word

Visualize
Draw a picture to illustrate the meaning of the word.

Connect to Your Life
When or where have you seen it, heard it, felt it, smelled it, or tasted it?

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Directions:

1. Write a word from your reading that is new to you in the first column.

2. Read the sentence before and after the sentence where the word appears. Write what you think the word means in the second column.

3. Explain why you think your definition makes sense based on the context clues in the text.

4. Write the dictionary definition.

5. Place a check mark in the last column if the dictionary definition matches what you thought the word meant.

Word **What I Think the Word Means** **Context Clues** **Real Definition** **✓**

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