

Rocks and Minerals Vocabulary Chart



Word	Meaning
minerals	found in nature- is not a plant or animal
rocks	found in nature, not living, made from minerals
attributes	characteristics that describe minerals e.g. rough, makes a streak
texture	how something feels
luster	how shiny a mineral is
Moh's Scale	a scale that rates the hardness of minerals
streak	mark left on something from a mineral
igneous rock	a type of rock that is fire-made and is formed when melted rock cools
sedimentary rock	a type of rock formed when sand, mud, pebbles, at the bottom of rivers, lakes, and oceans pile up
metamorphic rock	a type of rock that has changed through heating and squeezing