

Vocabulary for “Earth’s Building Blocks”

1. **mineral, n.** a solid, nonliving substance found in the earth that makes up rocks (**minerals**) (53)
2. **texture, n.** the size, shape, and sorting of the mineral grains in rocks (53)
3. **solidify, v.** to make or become hard or solid (**solidifies**) (54)
4. **obsidian, n.** a dark rock or natural glass formed from lava that cooled very quickly (54)
5. **granite, n.** a common igneous rock that forms from magma that cooled within Earth’s crust (54)
6. **durable, adj.** able to last a long time in good condition (55)
7. **compact, v.** to closely pack or press together (**compacts, compacting**) (56)
8. **dissolved, adj.** mixed with liquid so no solid pieces are visible anymore (56)

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gneiss	/nis/	58
Agnes Nyanhongo	/ag*nes/ /nie*an*hong*goe/	59
Zimbabwe	/zim*bob*wae/	59