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**Unit 3: Minerals**

There are \_\_\_\_\_ minerals found in the crust (pg. \_\_\_\_\_ of reference table will give common elements) but only a handful are commonly found!

- Minerals can be made of one element, \_\_\_\_\_ (ex: \_\_\_\_\_), or \_\_\_\_\_ meaning a Compound. (Example: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Average Chemical Composition  
of Earth's Crust, Hydrosphere, and Troposphere**

ELEMENT (symbol)	CRUST		HYDROSPHERE	TROPOSPHERE
	Percent by mass	Percent by volume	Percent by volume	Percent by volume
Oxygen (O)	46.10	94.04	33.0	21.0
Silicon (Si)	28.20	0.88		
Aluminum (Al)	8.23	0.48		
Iron (Fe)	5.63	0.49		
Calcium (Ca)	4.15	1.18		
Sodium (Na)	2.36	1.11		
Magnesium (Mg)	2.33	0.33		
Potassium (K)	2.09	1.42		
Nitrogen (N)				78.0
Hydrogen (H)			66.0	
Other	0.91	0.07	1.0	1.0

- A Mineral:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

All common minerals and their properties are listed on page \_\_\_\_\_ of the reference table!

**How Are Minerals Formed?**

- 1.) \_\_\_\_\_: atoms arrange themselves as magma/lava cools  
Examples: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) \_\_\_\_\_: Atoms rearrange themselves in already existing minerals when there is an increase in temperature and/or pressure.  
examples: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.) \_\_\_\_\_: mineral comes out of solution in supersaturated water with dissolved elements  
Examples: evaporation of saltwater from oceans/lake beds form \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ deposits form from supersaturated water in oceans and in caves

**Minerals are identified by:**

- Chemical Properties/Composition: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Example: Graphite is made of \_\_\_\_\_)
- Physical Properties: \_\_\_\_\_

\*A minerals physical properties are always determined by the \_\_\_\_\_

!!!!!! (Key concept)

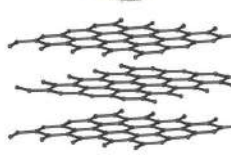


Diamond and Graphite have the same \_\_\_\_\_ properties but have different \_\_\_\_\_ properties. This is because their internal arrangement (pictured left) is different.

Ex:

Color:

Hardness:



### Mineral Identification by *Physical Properties*:

**1.) Color-** The problem with using color for identification is:

#1: \_\_\_\_\_

#2: \_\_\_\_\_

Examples:

**2.) Luster-** \_\_\_\_\_

The two types are:

1.) Metallic-

2.) Non metallic

a.)

b.)

c.)

d.)

### **3.) Crystal “Habit” or Shape**

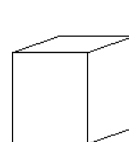
Shape/Habit is \_\_\_\_\_ always shown by every mineral

because minerals can grow in \_\_\_\_\_

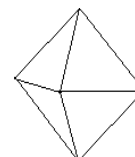
conditions. This means \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and perhaps not enough

\_\_\_\_\_ to grow!



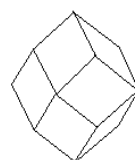
Cube



Octahedron



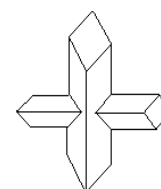
Prism and Pyramids



Dodecahedron



Rhombohedral



Cross Twin

Example, Quartz:

Typically shows not habit, but if grown in a perfect environment will grow into a \_\_\_\_\_ shape.

**4.) Streak-** The \_\_\_\_\_ of a mineral’s \_\_\_\_\_ left behind after scratching a

“\_\_\_\_\_” (unglazed porcelain tile)

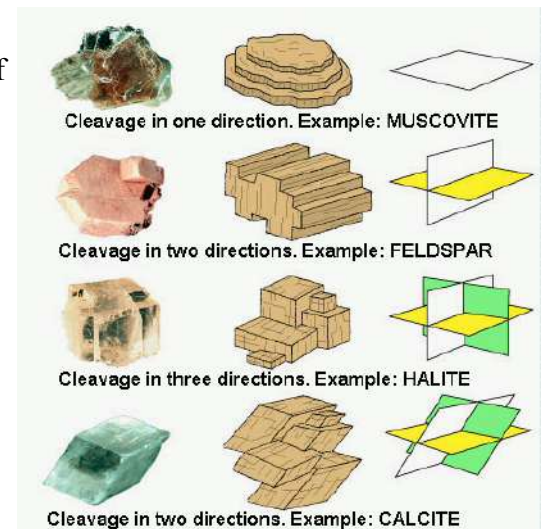
Note: If a mineral is **harder** than the streak plate will it leave a color behind? \_\_\_\_\_

**5.) Breakage of a Mineral:** always look on the \_\_\_\_\_ of minerals to distinguish this property!

**a.) Cleavage:**

**b.) Fracture:**

\*Note that some minerals will show both forms of breakage, \_\_\_\_\_ always dominates!



**6.) Hardness (\_\_\_\_\_)**

- A mineral's \_\_\_\_\_ to being \_\_\_\_\_
- Measured on a scale from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- A mineral is said to be \_\_\_\_\_ if it scratches \_\_\_\_\_

*(hardness equal to or greater than 5)*

- A mineral is said to be \_\_\_\_\_ if it can \_\_\_\_\_ scratch glass *(hardness less than 5)*

Other special properties of minerals:

1.) **Reaction with Acid:** Some minerals will bubble with acid  
Mineral Ex: \_\_\_\_\_

2.) **Fluorescence** which is when a mineral glows under black light  
Mineral Ex: \_\_\_\_\_

3.) **Double Refraction** which is where light bends through a mineral causing the image to \_\_\_\_\_  
Mineral Ex: \_\_\_\_\_

4.) **Smell:** Mineral Ex: \_\_\_\_\_

5.) **Taste:** Mineral Ex: \_\_\_\_\_

6.) **Magnetism:** Some minerals contain iron which are magnetic and can be detected using a magnet  
Mineral ex: \_\_\_\_\_

Index Mineral	Scale	Common Objects
Diamond	10	Steel file (6.5)
Corundum	9	
Topaz	8	
Quartz	7	
Orthoclase	6	
Apatite	5	Glass (5.5) Knife blade (5.1) Wire Nail (4.5) Penney (3.5) Fingernail (2.5)
Fluorite	4	
Calcite	3	
Gypsum	2	
Talc	1	

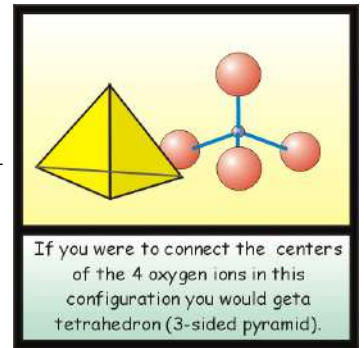
## Mineral Groups:

1.) **Silicates**- are the most \_\_\_\_\_ mineral groups and are made of which two elements?

\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

These atoms combine to form the silica-oxygen \_\_\_\_\_

Common silicate minerals listed in the ESRT are:



2.) **Iron Oxides:** these are mineral groups which contain large amounts of what element? \_\_\_\_\_

When these minerals combine with \_\_\_\_\_ the result is \_\_\_\_\_ which is known as “rust,” or looks reddish.

3.) **Carbonates:** Minerals containing a metallic element and a *Carbonate compound* \_\_\_\_\_  
Ex: \_\_\_\_\_, or “ $\text{CaCO}_3$ ” Found in Limestone and Marble.

- These minerals break down with \_\_\_\_\_ and acidic \_\_\_\_\_

**How many common uses of minerals can you identify using your ESRT pg. 16?**