

Minerals and Rocks



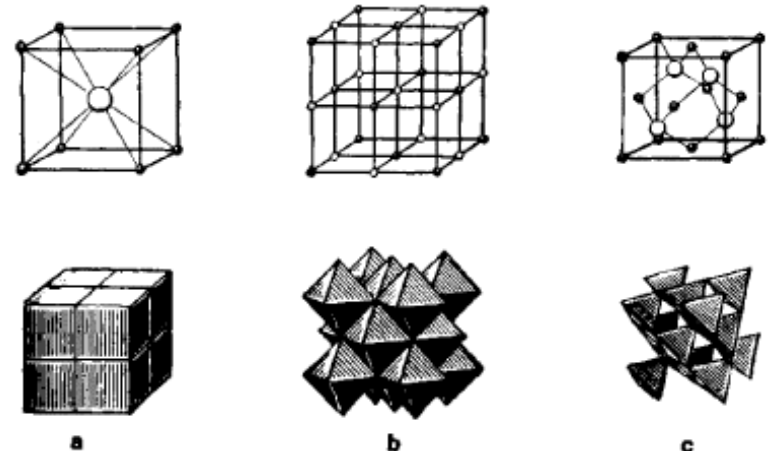
Definition of a Mineral

A mineral is a naturally occurring homogeneous solid, inorganically formed, with a definite chemical composition and a crystalline structure (ordered atomic arrangement).

- Naturally occurring
- Solid
- Inorganic
- Chemical composition
- Crystal structure

Definition of a Mineral

- **Naturally occurring**: not made by man or animals
- **Solid**: Has definite size, shape and volume
- **Inorganic**: the material is not formed from living things
- **Chemical Composition**: ex.: quartz = SiO_2
- **Crystal Structure**: atoms arranged in geometric patterns



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Mineral Identification

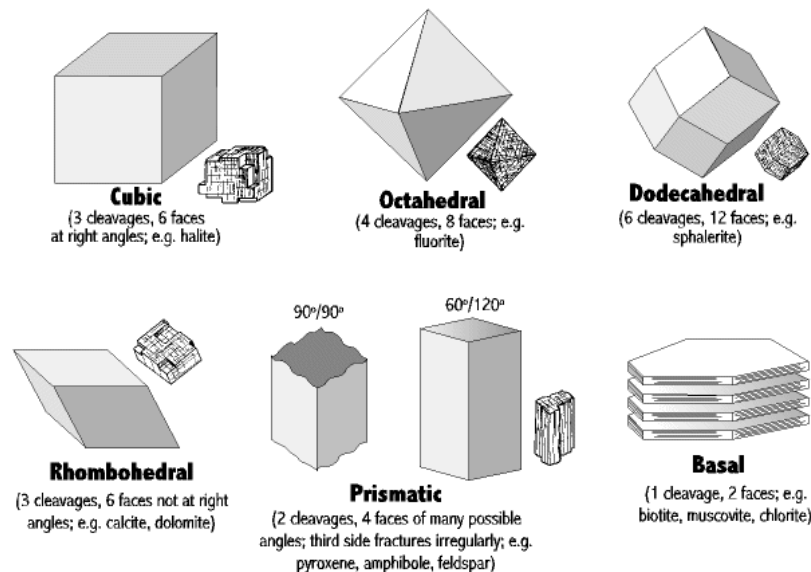
Factors you must know:

- Cleavage or fracture
- Streak: Light or Dark
- Hardness: can it scratch glass? Yes or no
- Luster: metallic or non-metallic
- [Reference Table](#)

Cleavage Vs. Fracture

the mineral breaks in
a predictable pattern
because of its
arrangement of atoms

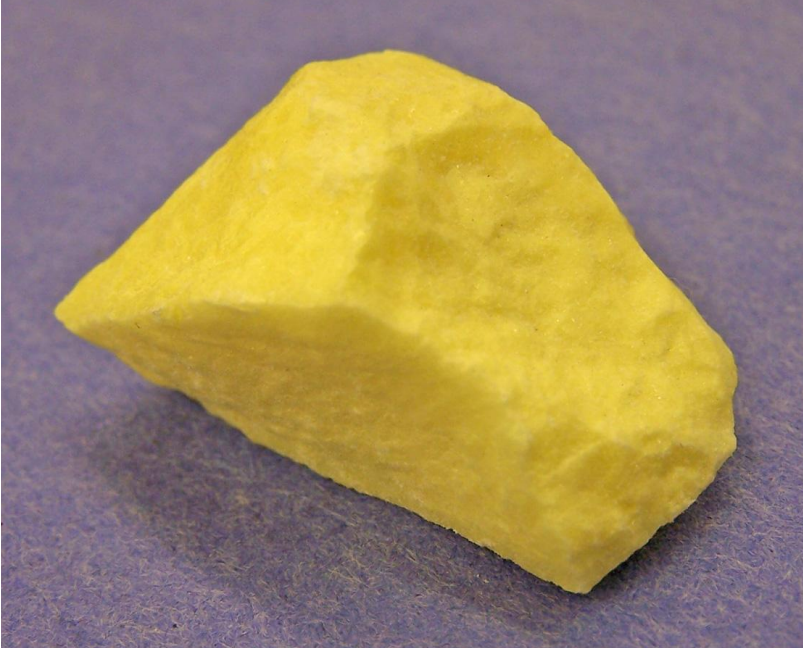
the mineral
breaks
randomly



Examples of Cleavage



Examples of Fracture



Luster

how light reflects off a mineral

metallic

looks like a
metal

non-metallic

looks earthy, waxy,
greasy or bright

Streak

The color of a mineral in powder form



Hardness

Is it hard or soft?

If it can scratch glass it is **HARD**

If it cannot scratch glass its **SOFT**



Do Now

Go to page 16 of the ESRT. List the following information on the mineral Graphite:

1. What is the luster?
2. What is the hardness?
3. Does the mineral have cleavage or fracture?

Properties of Common Minerals

LUSTER	HARD- NESS	CLEAVAGE FRACTURE	COMMON COLORS	DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS	USE(S)	COMPOSITION*	MINERAL NAME
Metallic luster	1–2	✓	silver to gray	black streak, greasy feel	pencil lead, lubricants	C	Graphite
	2.5	✓	metallic silver	gray-black streak, cubic cleavage, density = 7.6 g/cm ³	ore of lead, batteries	PbS	Galena
	5.5–6.5	✓	black to silver	black streak, magnetic	ore of iron, steel	Fe ₃ O ₄	Magnetite
	6.5	✓	brassy yellow	green-black streak, (fool's gold)	ore of sulfur	FeS ₂	Pyrite
Either	5.5 – 6.5 or 1	✓	metallic silver or earthy red	red-brown streak	ore of iron, jewelry	Fe ₂ O ₃	Hematite
Nonmetallic luster	1	✓	white to green	greasy feel	ceramics, paper	Mg ₃ Si ₄ O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	Talc
	2	✓	yellow to amber	white-yellow streak	sulfuric acid	S	Sulfur
	2	✓	white to pink or gray	easily scratched by fingernail	plaster of paris, drywall	CaSO ₄ •2H ₂ O	Selenite gypsum
	2–2.5	✓	colorless to yellow	flexible in thin sheets	paint, roofing	KAl ₃ Si ₃ O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	Muscovite mica
	2.5	✓	colorless to white	cubic cleavage, salty taste	food additive, melts ice	NaCl	Halite
	2.5–3	✓	black to dark brown	flexible in thin sheets	construction materials	K(Mg,Fe) ₃ AlSi ₃ O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	Biotite mica
	3	✓	colorless or variable	bubbles with acid, rhombohedral cleavage	cement, lime	CaCO ₃	Calcite
	3.5	✓	colorless or variable	bubbles with acid when powdered	building stones	CaMg(CO ₃) ₂	Dolomite
	4	✓	colorless or variable	cleaves in 4 directions	hydrofluoric acid	CaF ₂	Fluorite
	5–6	✓	black to dark green	cleaves in 2 directions at 90°	mineral collections, jewelry	(Ca,Na) (Mg,Fe,Al) (Si,Al) ₂ O ₆	Pyroxene (commonly augite)
	5.5	✓	black to dark green	cleaves at 56° and 124°	mineral collections, jewelry	CaNa(Mg,Fe) ₄ (Al,Fe,Ti) ₃ Si ₆ O ₂₂ (O,OH) ₂	Amphibole (commonly hornblende)
	6	✓	white to pink	cleaves in 2 directions at 90°	ceramics, glass	KAlSi ₃ O ₈	Potassium feldspar (commonly orthoclase)
	6	✓	white to gray	cleaves in 2 directions, striations visible	ceramics, glass	(Na,Ca)AlSi ₃ O ₈	Plagioclase feldspar
	6.5	✓	green to gray or brown	commonly light green and granular	furnace bricks, jewelry	(Fe,Mg) ₂ SiO ₄	Olivine
	7	✓	colorless or variable	glassy luster, may form hexagonal crystals	glass, jewelry, electronics	SiO ₂	Quartz
	6.5–7.5	✓	dark red to green	often seen as red glassy grains in NYS metamorphic rocks	jewelry (NYS gem), abrasives	Fe ₃ Al ₂ Si ₃ O ₁₂	Garnet

*Chemical symbols:








Al = aluminum
C = carbon
Ca = calcium

Cl = chlorine
F = fluorine
Fe = iron

H = hydrogen
K = potassium
Mg = magnesium

Na = sodium
O = oxygen
Pb = lead








S = sulfur
Si = silicon
Ti = titanium

Mineral	Mohs Hardness	Image
Talc	1	
Gypsum	2	
Calcite	3	
Fluorite	4	
Apatite	5	
Feldspar	6	
Quartz	7	
Topaz	8	
Corundum	9	
Diamond	10	

Hardness: Moh's Hardness Scale

- Created by Friedrich Mohs in 1812
 - German Geologist and Minerologist



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Hardness: Moh's Hardness Scale

- Created by Fredrick Mohs in 1812
- A scale based on scratch resistance.
- The ability of a harder mineral to scratch a softer mineral.

Talc



Talcum Powder



Other Mineral Characteristics

- Color
- Density
- Chemical
- Magnetic
- Taste
- Smell
- Double Refraction
- Radioactivity
- Fluorescence

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GROUP	1	2											13	14	15	16	17	18		
PERIOD	1	2											3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	1 1.0079 H HYDROGEN	2 4.0026 He HELIUM											5 10.811 B BORON	6 12.011 C CARBON	7 14.007 N NITROGEN	8 15.999 O OXYGEN	9 18.998 F FLUORINE	10 20.180 Ne NEON		
2	3 6.941 Li LITHIUM	4 9.0122 Be BERYLLIUM											11 22.990 Na SODIUM	12 24.305 Mg MAGNESIUM	13 26.982 Al ALUMINIUM	14 28.086 Si SILICON	15 30.974 P PHOSPHORUS	16 32.065 S SULPHUR	17 35.453 Cl CHLORINE	18 39.948 Ar ARGON
3	19 39.098 K POTASSIUM	20 40.078 Ca CALCIUM	21 44.956 Sc SCANDIUM	22 47.867 Ti TITANIUM	23 50.942 V VANADIUM	24 51.996 Cr CHROMIUM	25 54.938 Mn MANGANESE	26 55.845 Fe IRON	27 58.933 Co COBALT	28 58.693 Ni NICKEL	29 63.546 Cu COPPER	30 65.39 Zn ZINC	31 69.723 Ga GALLIUM	32 72.64 Ge GERMANIUM	33 74.922 As ARSENIC	34 78.96 Se SELENIUM	35 79.904 Br BROMINE	36 83.80 Kr KRYPTON		
4	37 85.468 Rb RUBIDIUM	38 87.62 Sr STRONTIUM	39 88.906 Y YTTRIUM	40 91.224 Zr ZIRCONIUM	41 92.906 Nb NIOBIUM	42 95.94 Mo MOLYBDENUM	43 (98) Tc TECHNETIUM	44 101.07 Ru RUTHENIUM	45 102.91 Rh RHODIUM	46 106.42 Pd PALLADIUM	47 107.87 Ag SILVER	48 112.41 Cd CADMIUM	49 114.82 In INDIUM	50 118.71 Sn TIN	51 121.76 Sb ANTIMONY	52 127.60 Te TELLURIUM	53 126.90 I IODINE	54 131.29 Xe XENON		
5	55 132.91 Cs CAESIUM	56 137.33 Ba BARIUM	57-71 La-Lu Lanthanide	72 178.49 Hf HAFNIUM	73 180.95 Ta TANTALUM	74 183.84 W TUNGSTEN	75 186.21 Re RHENIUM	76 190.23 Os OSMIUM	77 192.22 Ir IRIDIUM	78 195.08 Pt PLATINUM	79 196.97 Au GOLD	80 200.59 Hg MERCURY	81 204.38 Tl THALLIUM	82 207.2 Pb LEAD	83 208.98 Bi BISMUTH	84 (209) Po POLONIUM	85 (210) At ASTATINE	86 (222) Rn RADON		
6	87 (223) Fr FRANCIUM	88 (226) Ra RADIUM	89-103 Ac-Lr Actinide	104 (261) Rf RUTHERFORDIUM	105 (262) Db DUBNIUM	106 (266) Sg SEABORGIUM	107 (264) Bh BOHRIUM	108 (277) Hs HASSIUM	109 (268) Mt MEITNERIUM	110 (281) Uun UNUNNIUM	111 (272) Uuu UNUNUNIUM	112 (285) Uub UNUNBIUM	114 (289) Uuq UNUNQUADIUM							
7																				

RELATIVE ATOMIC MASS (1)

GROUP IUPAC

GROUP CAS

ATOMIC NUMBER

SYMBOL

ELEMENT NAME

Metal

Semimetal

Nonmetal

1 Alkali metal

2 Alkaline earth metal

Transition metals

Lanthanide

Actinide

16 Chalcogens element

17 Halogens element

18 Noble gas

STANDARD STATE (25 °C; 101 kPa)

Ne - gas

Fe - solid

Ga - liquid

Tc - synthetic

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57 138.91 La LANTHANUM	58 140.12 Ce CERIUM	59 140.91 Pr PRASEODYMIUM	60 144.24 Nd NEODYMIUM	61 (145) Pm PROMETHIUM	62 150.36 Sm SAMARIUM	63 151.96 Eu EUROPIUM	64 157.25 Gd GADOLINIUM	65 158.93 Tb TERBIUM	66 162.50 Dy DYSPROSIUM	67 164.93 Ho HOLMIUM	68 167.26 Er ERBIUM	69 168.93 Tm THULIUM	70 173.04 Yb YTTERIUM	71 174.97 Lu LUTETIUM
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ACTINIDE

89 (227) Ac ACTINIUM	90 232.04 Th THORIUM	91 231.04 Pa PROTACTINIUM	92 238.03 U URANIUM	93 (237) Np NEPTUNIUM	94 (244) Pu PLUTONIUM	95 (243) Am AMERICIUM	96 (247) Cm CURIUM	97 (247) Bk BERKELIUM	98 (251) Cf CALIFORNIUM	99 (252) Es EINSTEINIUM	100 (257) Fm FERMIUM	101 (258) Md MENDELEVIUM	102 (259) No NOBELIUM	103 (262) Lr LAWRENCIUM
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Mineral Formation

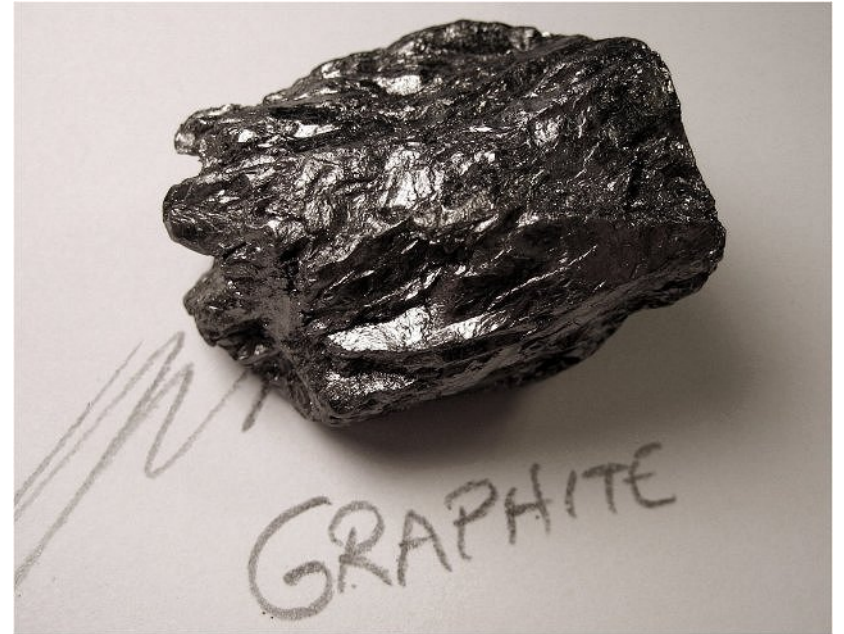
- Minerals form by two process...
 1. Cooling underneath the surface of the Earth.
 2. Through evaporation or precipitation.

Cooling Under the Earth's Surface

Bowen's Reaction Series

Temperature Conditions	Minerals that Crystallize from Magma as the Magma Cools	Igneous Rock Type
<p>High temperature (first to crystallize)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓ Cooling magma</p> <p>Low temperature (last to crystallize)</p>	Olivine	Ultramafic (peridotite)
	Pyroxene	Basaltic (basalt/gabbro)
	Amphibole	
	<p>Biotite mica</p> <p>Plagioclase feldspar (More calcium rich)</p> <p>(More sodium rich)</p>	Andesitic (andesite/diorite)
	<p>Muscovite mica</p> <p>Quartz</p> <p>Potassium feldspar</p>	Granitic (rhyolite/granite)

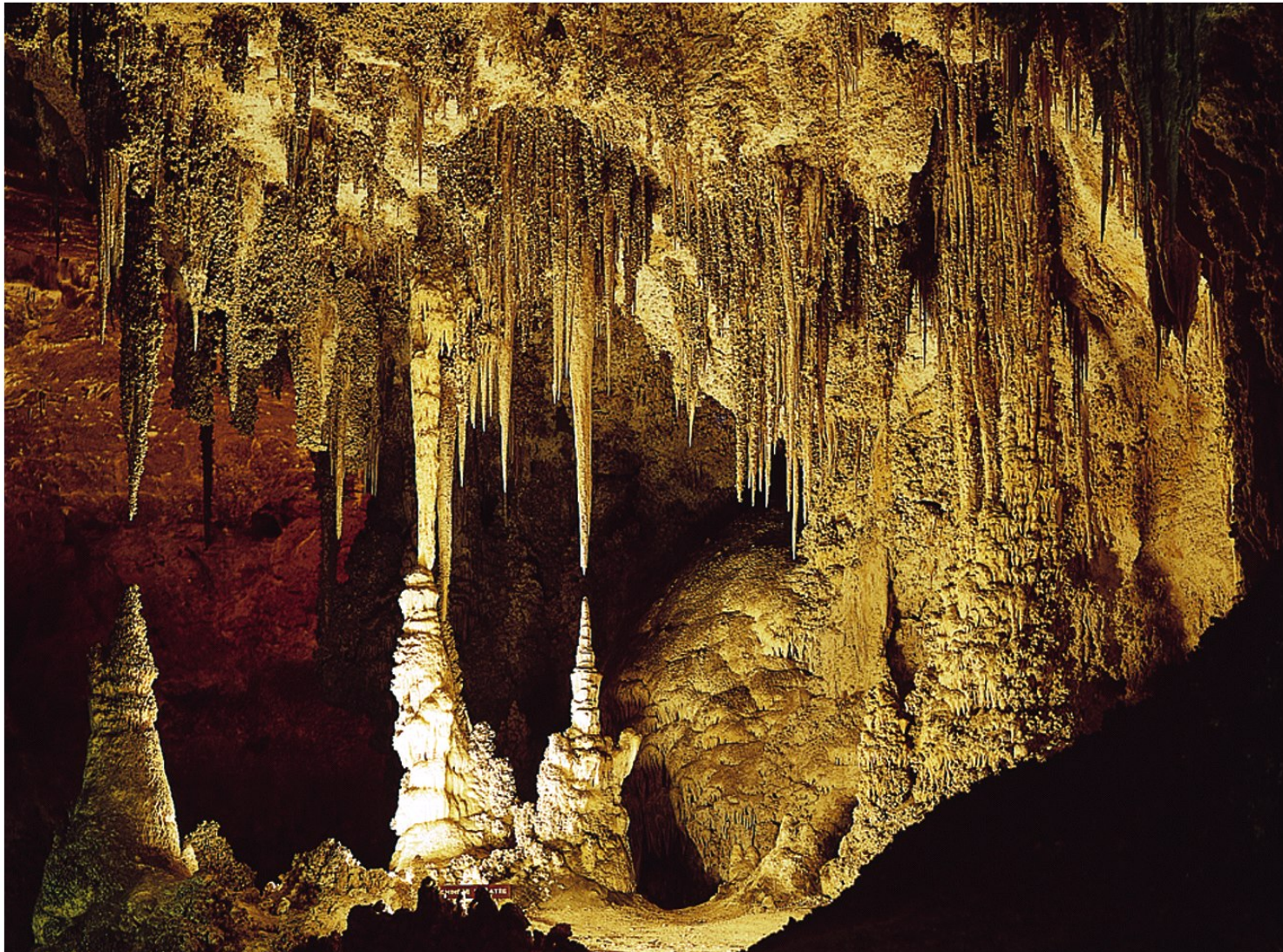
Diamond vs. Graphite



Evaporation



Precipitation



Minerals To Know

- Graphite
 - Cleavage
 - Streak: black
 - Hardness: 1 – 2,
Cannot scratch
glass
 - Luster: Metallic



Minerals To Know

- Galena

- Cleavage
- Streak: silver
- Hardness: 2.5,
Cannot scratch
glass
- Luster: Metallic



Minerals To Know

- Magnetite
 - Fracture
 - Streak: black
 - Hardness:
5.5-6.5, scratch
glass
 - Luster: Metallic



Minerals To Know

- Pyrite

- Fracture
- Streak: green-black
- Hardness: 6.5, Scratches glass
- Luster: Metallic



Minerals To Know

- Hematite

- Fracture
- Streak: red or silver
- Hardness: 5.5-6.5 or 1
- Luster: Metallic or Non-Metallic



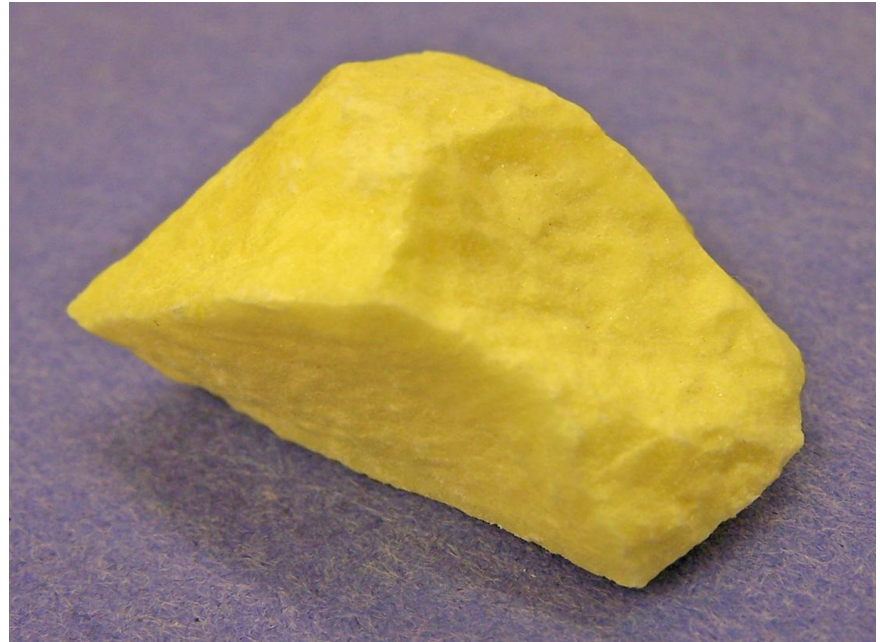
Minerals To Know

- Talc
 - Cleavage
 - Streak: White
 - Hardness: 1, Cannot scratch glass
 - Luster: non-Metallic



Minerals To Know

- Sulfur
 - Fracture
 - Streak: White-yellow
 - Hardness: 2, Cannot scratch glass
 - Luster: non-Metallic



Minerals To Know

- Halite
 - Cleavage
 - Streak: White
 - Hardness: 2.5,
Cannot scratch glass
 - Luster: non-Metallic



Minerals To Know

- Biotite Mica
 - Cleavage
 - Streak: grey
 - Hardness: 2.5 – 3,
Cannot scratch glass
 - Luster: non-Metallic



Muscovite Mica

Minerals To Know

- **Calcite**
 - Cleavage
 - Streak: White
 - Hardness: 3,
Cannot scratch glass
 - Luster: non-Metallic



Minerals To Know

- Fluorite
 - Cleavage
 - Streak: White
 - Hardness: 4,
Cannot scratch glass
 - Luster: non-Metallic



Minerals To Know

- Feldspar (Orthoclase)
 - Cleavage
 - Streak: White
 - Hardness: 6,
Cannot scratch glass
 - Luster: non-Metallic



Minerals To Know

- Quartz

- Fracture
- Streak: White
- Hardness: 7,
Scratches glass
- Luster: non-Metallic



Do Now

- Copy the question below and write down an answer...

Look at the Igneous Rock Identification table on page 6 of your ESRT.

List all the information this table gives on Igneous Rocks.

ROCKS



Rocks

If a mineral is a naturally occurring homogeneous solid, inorganically formed, with a definite chemical composition and a crystalline structure ...

... then what is a rock?

Rocks

- Rocks are composed of 1 or more minerals.
- Rocks are classified based on how they formed (origin).
- 3 classes of rocks:
 - Igneous
 - Sedimentary
 - Metamorphic

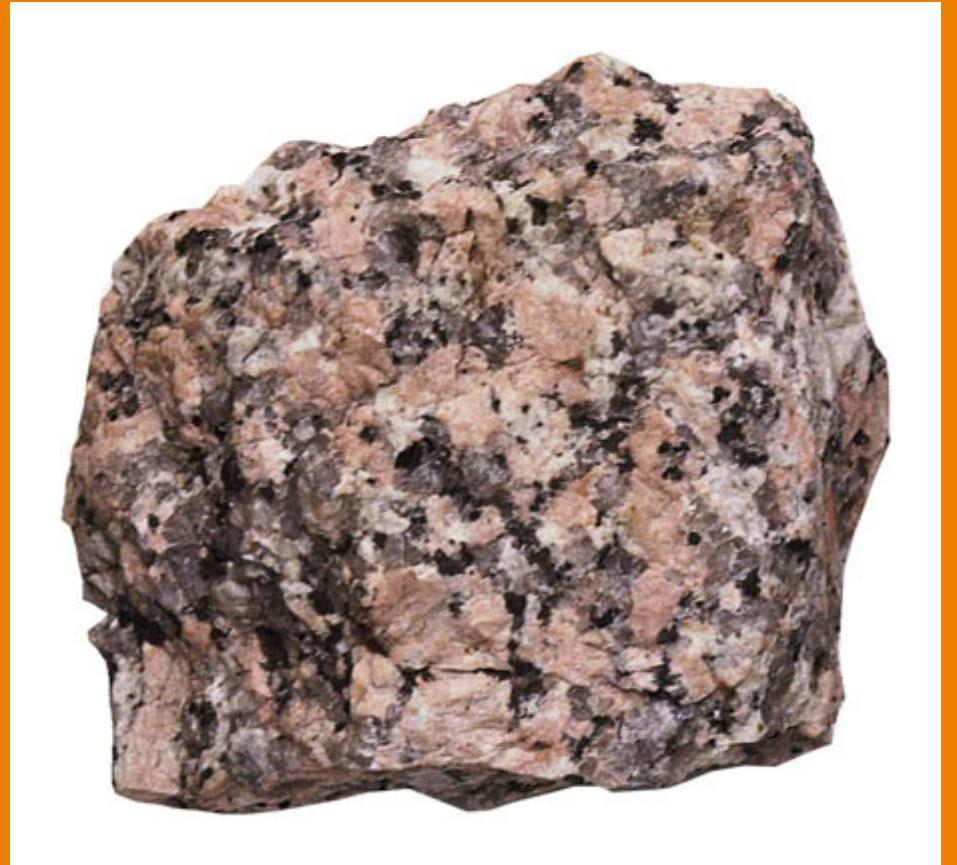
Igneous Rocks

- Form from the cooling and solidification (crystallization) of molten lava and magma





- **Intrusive (Plutonic):**
slow cooling of magma deep within the Earth
- Characteristics:
 - Large crystals
 - Coarse, rough texture
 - Inter-grown crystals





Obsidian



Rhyolite



- **Extrusive (Volcanic):** fast cooling lava at Earth's surface
- Characteristics:
 - Small crystals
 - No crystals/Glassy
 - Fine/smooth texture
 - Vesicular: contains air/gas pockets



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Comparison



Granite



Rhyolite

Igneous Rocks

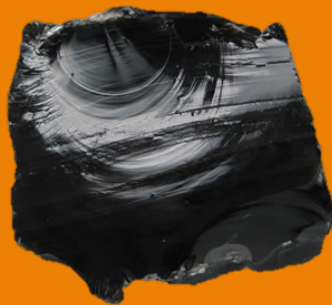
Textures to look for:

- Crystals
- Gas pockets
- Glass Surface

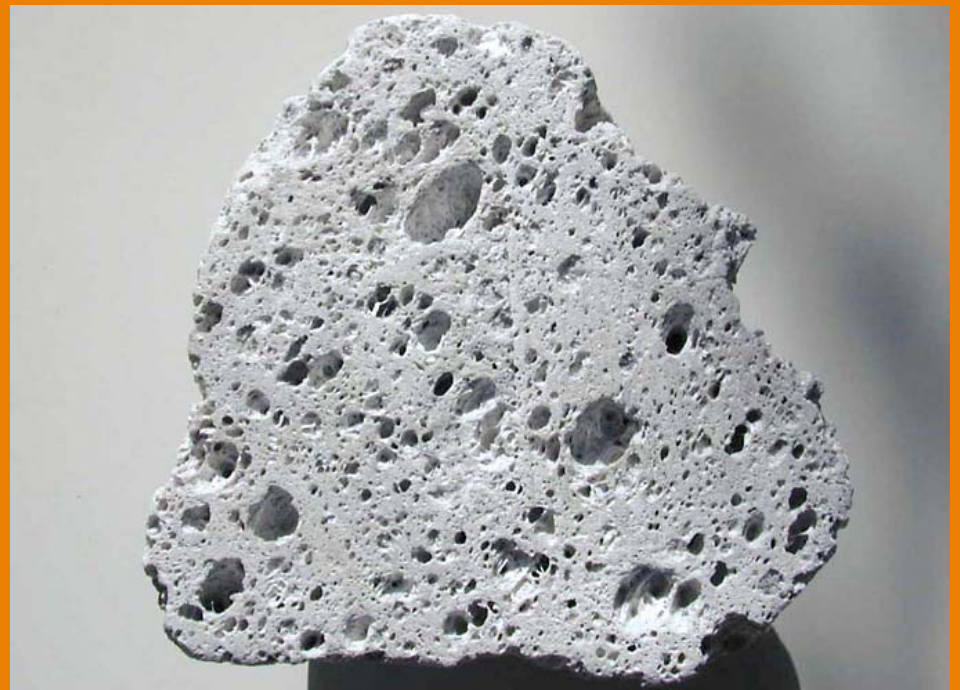
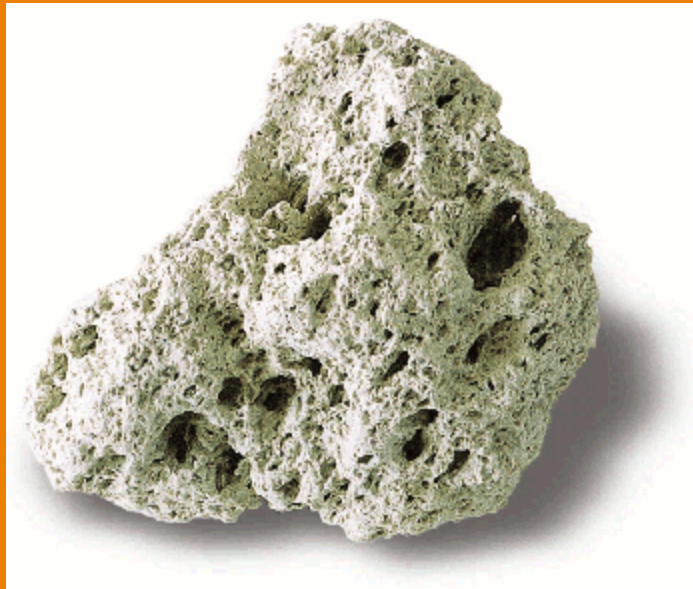
Igneous Rocks

Rocks to know:

- **Pumice:** look for gas pockets
- **Obsidian:** black and glassy
- **Basalt:** black and FINE (small) grained
- **Gabbro:** dark and large crystals
- **Granite:** dark or light, large crystals



Pumice: look for
empty gas pockets



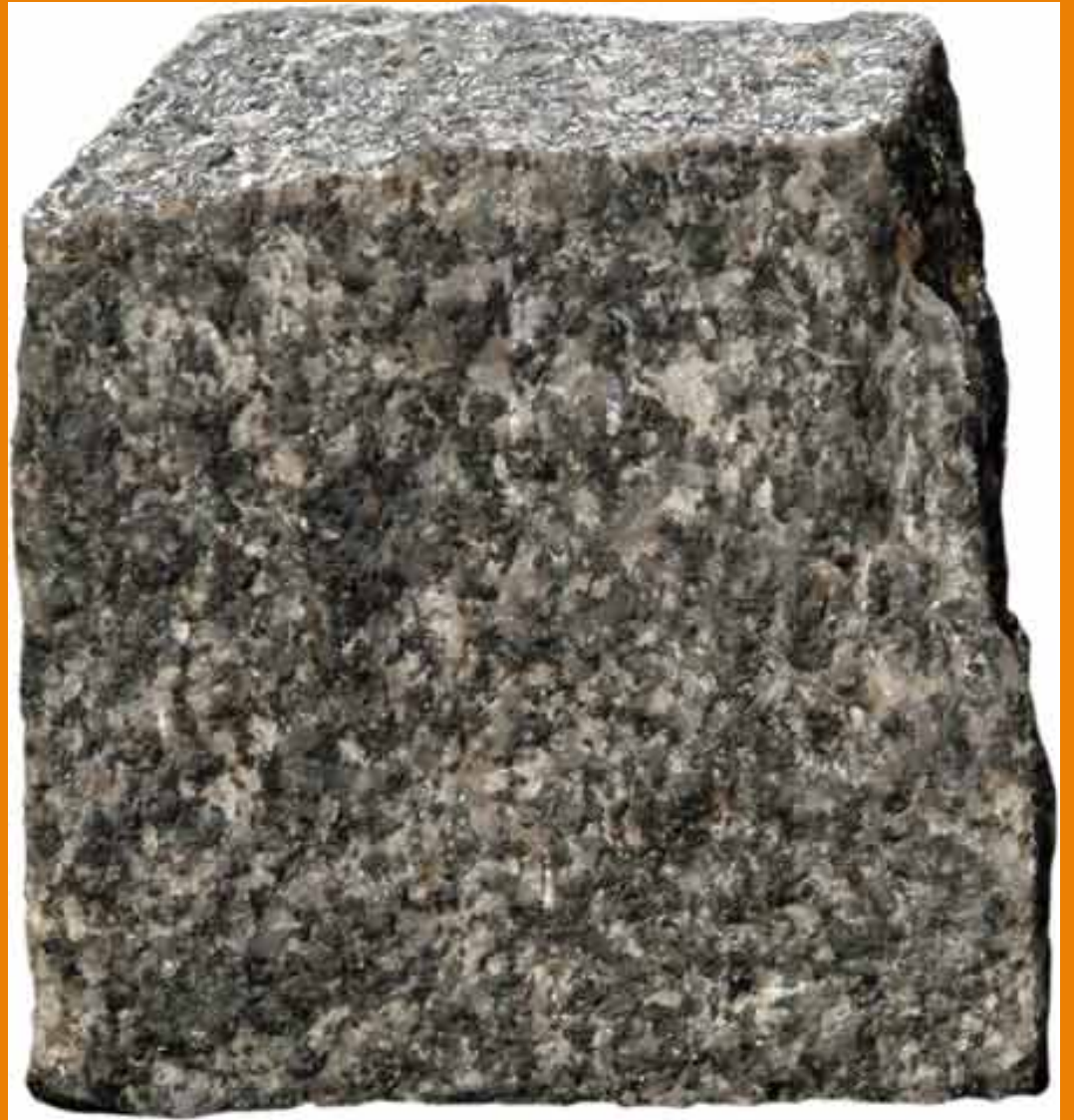
Obsidian: black and glassy



Basalt : black and fine (small) grained



Gabbro



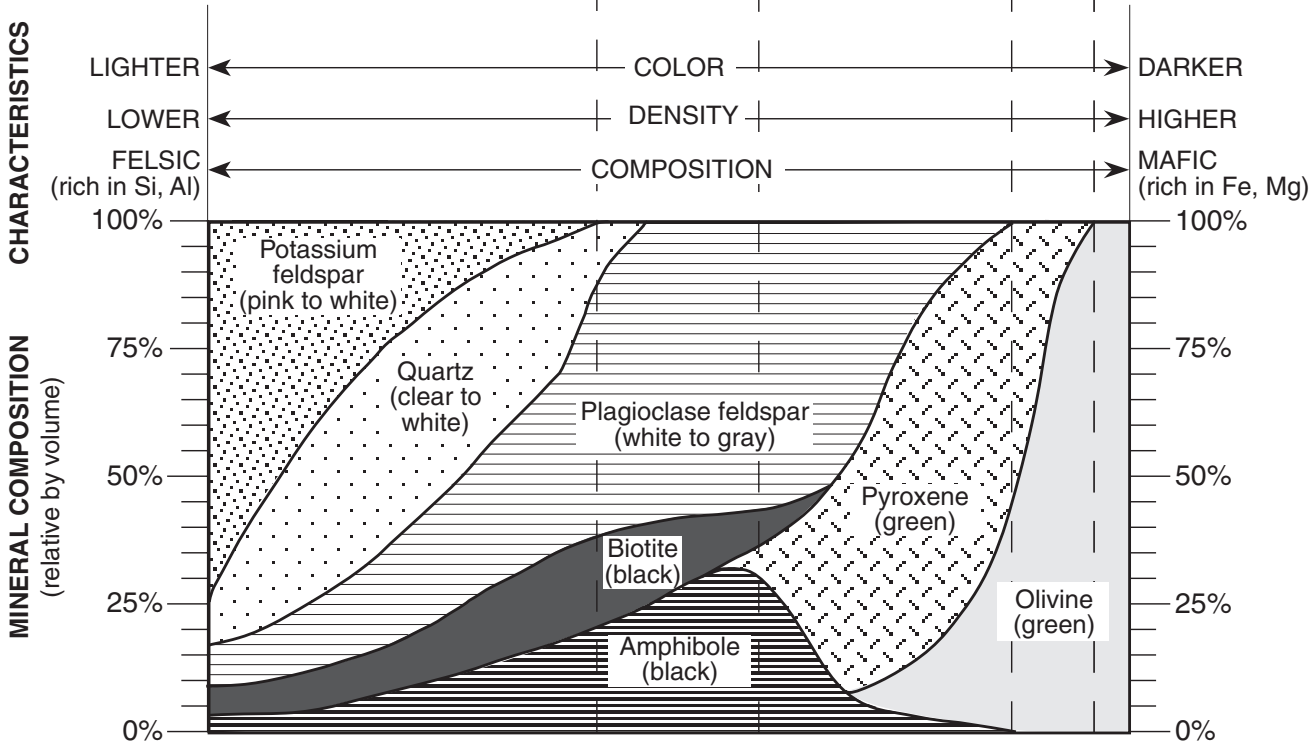
Granite



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Scheme for Igneous Rock Identification

Scheme for Igneous Rock Identification							CRYSTAL SIZE	TEXTURE	
IGNEOUS ROCKS	ENVIRONMENT OF FORMATION	EXTRUSIVE (Volcanic)	Obsidian (usually appears black)		Basaltic glass		non-crystalline	Glassy	Non-vesicular
			Pumice		Scoria				Vesicular (gas pockets)
			Vesicular rhyolite	Vesicular andesite	Vesicular basalt		less than 1 mm	Fine	Non-vesicular
		INTRUSIVE (Plutonic)	Rhyolite	Andesite	Basalt				
	Diabase								
	Granite		Diorite	Gabbro		Peridotite	Dunite	Very coarse	
	Pegmatite								

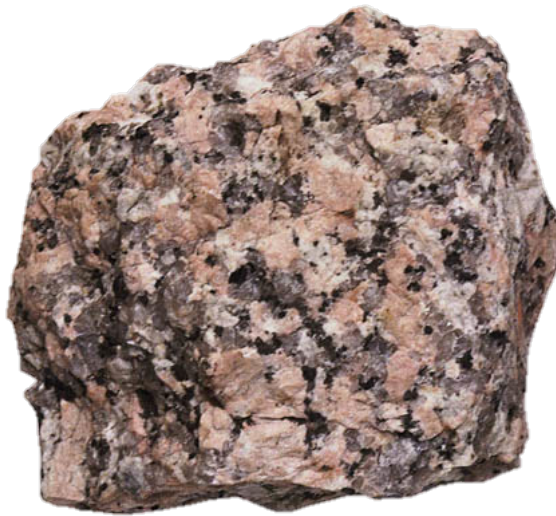


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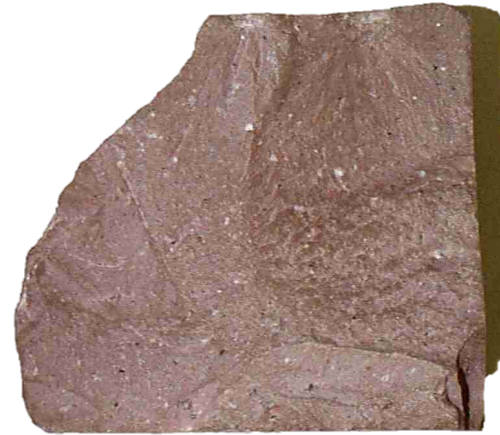
- Write down an answer in handout...

Summarize the difference between the igneous rocks Granite and Rhyolite.

Granite



Rhyolite



Do Now

- Copy the question below and write down an answer...

What is the mineral composition of the igneous rock:

- *Rhyolite*
- *Andesite*
- *Gabbro*

Sedimentary Rocks

- Form from pieces of other rocks, animals or plants.
- The pieces get compacted and glued together
 - Cementation, lithification



Clastic



Crystalline



Bioclastic.

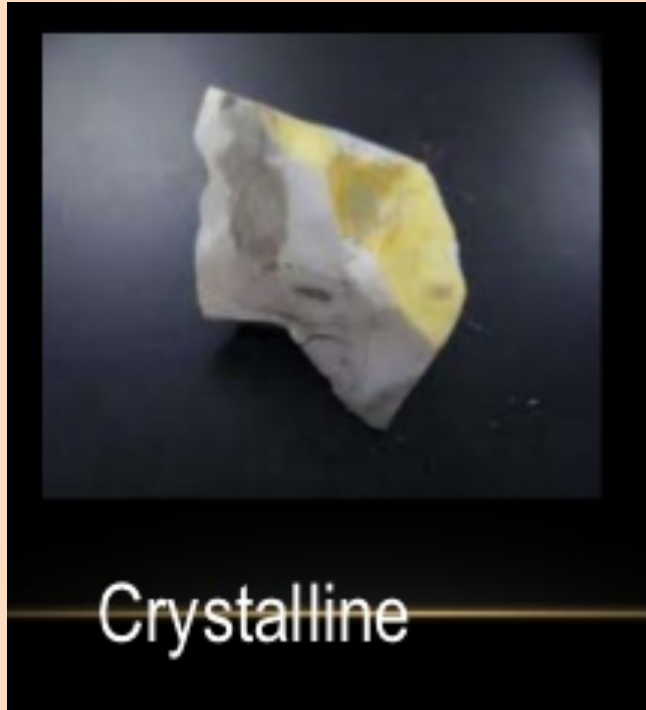
Sedimentary Rocks



Clastic

- **Clastic:** made from other pieces of rocks
- Characteristics
 - Visible fragments/pieces (pebbles, sand, mud/clay)

Sedimentary Rocks



- **Crystalline:** Form from the evaporation and precipitation of dissolved minerals.
 - Crystals
 - Fine to coarse



Sedimentary Rocks



- **Bioclastic:** Made from once living plants or animals
 - Fossils
 - Black coal

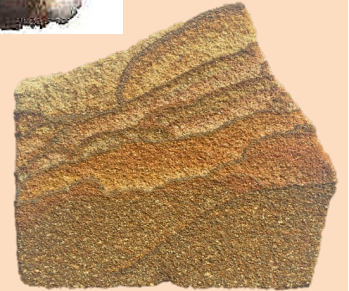
Sedimentary Rocks

- Look for SEDIMENT!
 - (pebbles, sand)
- Look for FOSSILS!
 - (shells, plant imprints, animals)

Sedimentary Rocks

Rocks to know:

- **Conglomerate**: look for pebbles
- **Sandstone**: look for sand particles
- **Shale**: compact silt or clay, can have fossils
- **Limestone**: look for sea shells
- **Coal**: black



Conglomerate



Sandstone



Shale



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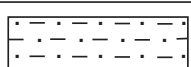
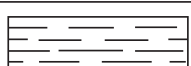


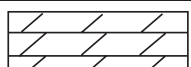
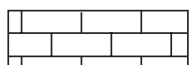

Limestone



Coal



Scheme for Sedimentary Rock Identification

INORGANIC LAND-DERIVED SEDIMENTARY ROCKS					
TEXTURE	GRAIN SIZE	COMPOSITION	COMMENTS	ROCK NAME	MAP SYMBOL
Clastic (fragmental)	Pebbles, cobbles, and/or boulders embedded in sand, silt, and/or clay	Mostly quartz, feldspar, and clay minerals; may contain fragments of other rocks and minerals	Rounded fragments	Conglomerate	
			Angular fragments	Breccia	
	Sand (0.006 to 0.2 cm)		Fine to coarse	Sandstone	
	Silt (0.0004 to 0.006 cm)		Very fine grain	Siltstone	
	Clay (less than 0.0004 cm)		Compact; may split easily	Shale	
CHEMICALLY AND/OR ORGANICALLY FORMED SEDIMENTARY ROCKS					
TEXTURE	GRAIN SIZE	COMPOSITION	COMMENTS	ROCK NAME	MAP SYMBOL
Crystalline	Fine to coarse crystals	Halite	Crystals from chemical precipitates and evaporites	Rock salt	
		Gypsum		Rock gypsum	
		Dolomite		Dolostone	
Crystalline or bioclastic	Microscopic to very coarse	Calcite	Precipitates of biologic origin or cemented shell fragments	Limestone	
Bioclastic		Carbon	Compacted plant remains	Bituminous coal	

Do Now

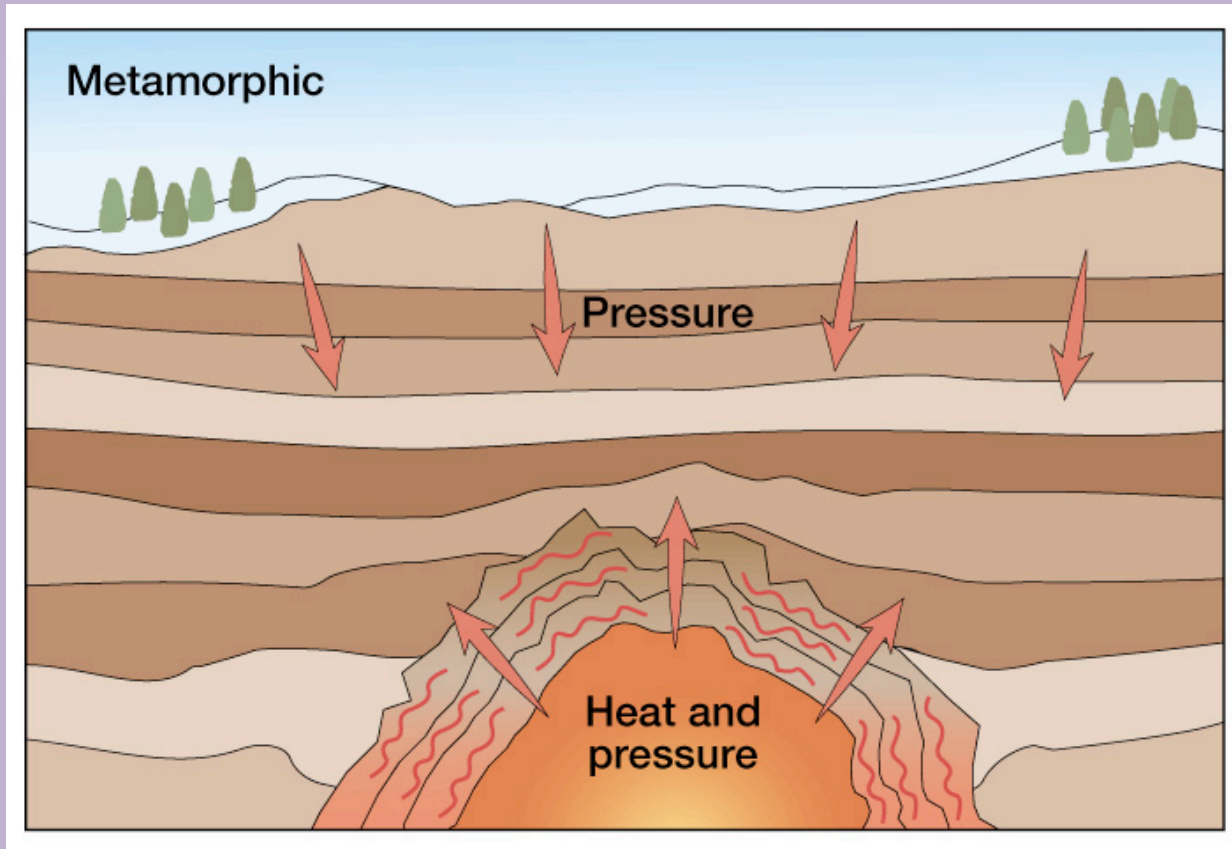
- Copy the question below and write down an answer...

What mineral is limestone and rock salt made from.

List the hardness of both minerals.

Metamorphic Rocks

- Form from intense heat and pressure.
- There is no melting!



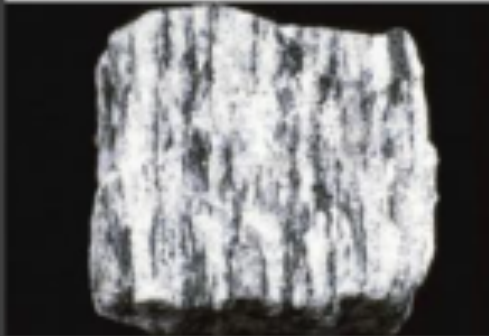
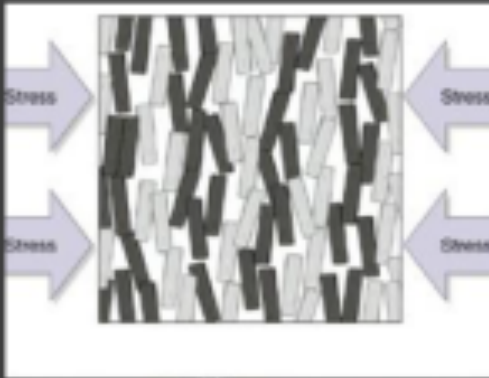
Metamorphosis

- The process of transformation
- A change into something completely different



Metamorphic

Foliated texture

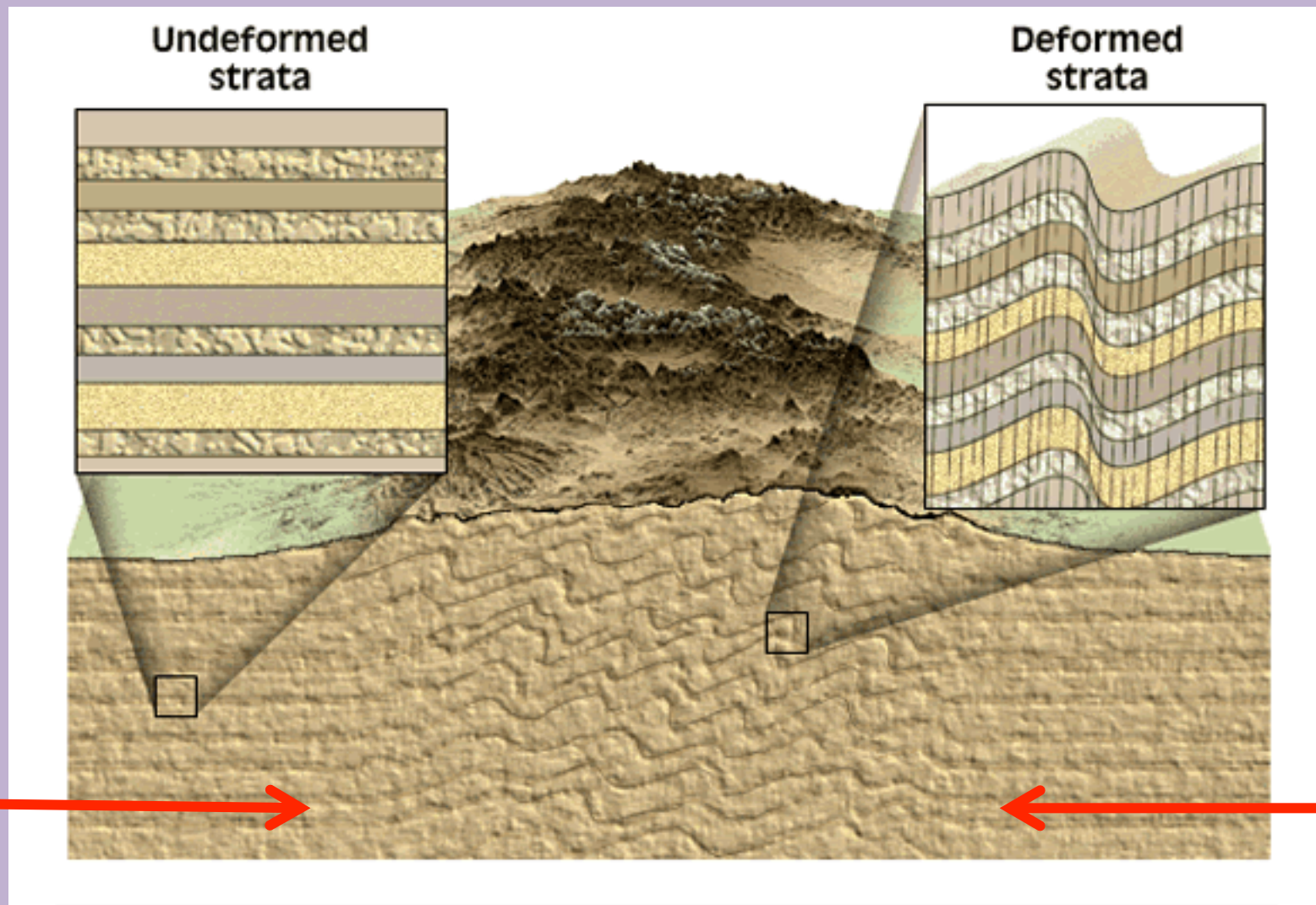


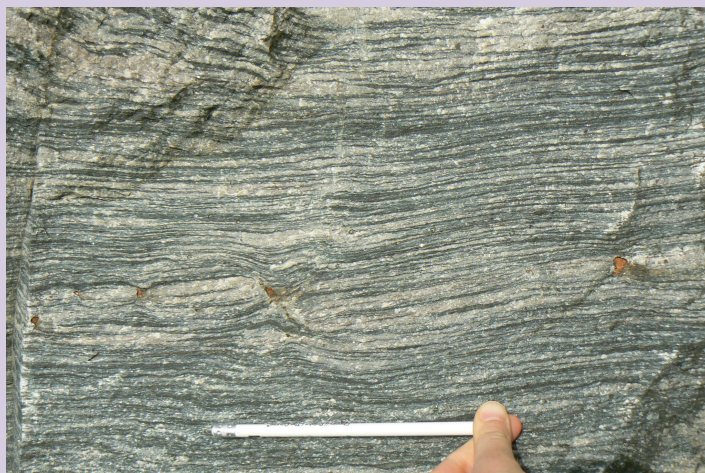
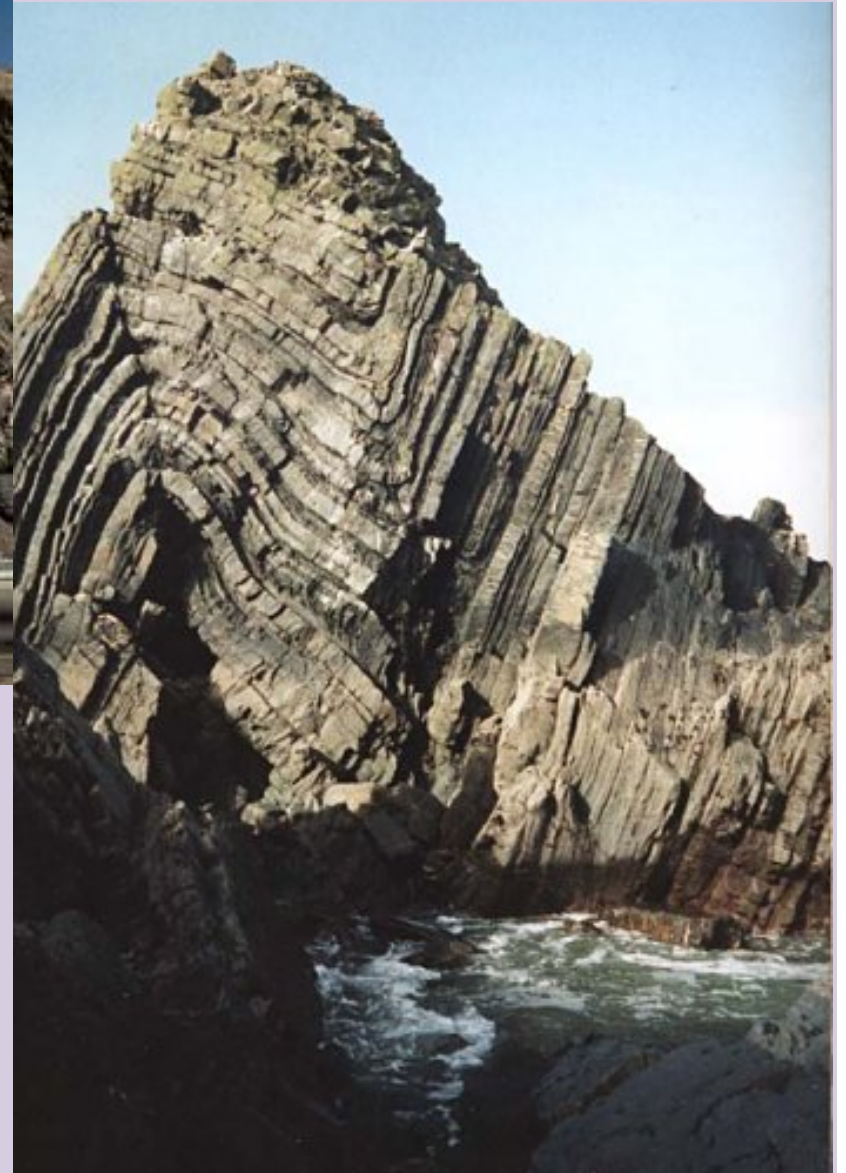
**Regional metamorphism
(pressure)**

FOLIATED

- Regional metamorphism where applied pressure produces layers.
 - Mineral Alignment
 - Layering
 - Banding

Regional Metamorphism





Metamorphic

Non-foliated texture

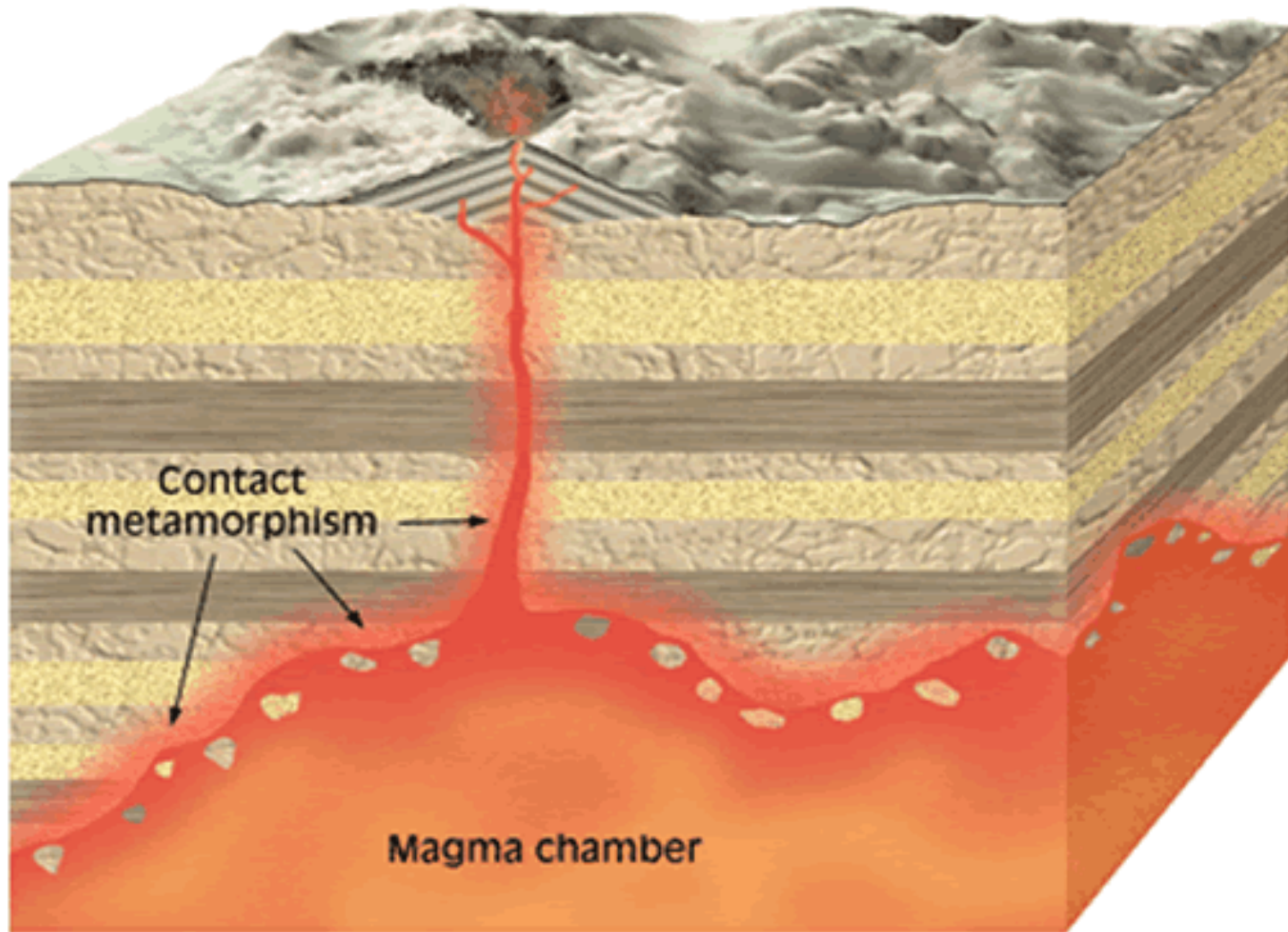


Contact metamorphism (heat)

NON-FOLIATED

- Contact metamorphism where applied heat recrystallizes the minerals.
 - Shiny Flakes
 - Crystals Mashed Together
 - Granular

Contact Metamorphism



Metamorphic Rocks

- **New minerals** due to recrystallization
 - The growth of new mineral crystals without melting
- **Increased density**
 - Rock is squeezed under pressure
- **Banding**
 - Layered arrangement of inter-grown crystals due to pressure

Metamorphic Rock

What to look for:

- Shiny flakes (mica)
- Crystals all mashed together
- Layering (banding) with crystals!

Metamorphic Rock

Rocks to know:

- Slate: black and flat with foliation (*Shale*)
- Schist: flakey, shiny crystals (*Shale*)
- Gneiss: banded, flat, folded crystals (*Granite*)
- Marble: crystals mashed together (*Limestone*)



Slate: black, flat with foliation (cleavage)



Schist: flakey, shiny crystals



Gneiss: layering and folding of crystals



Marble: crystals
mashed together



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Sandstone



Sedimentary

Quartzite



Metamorphic

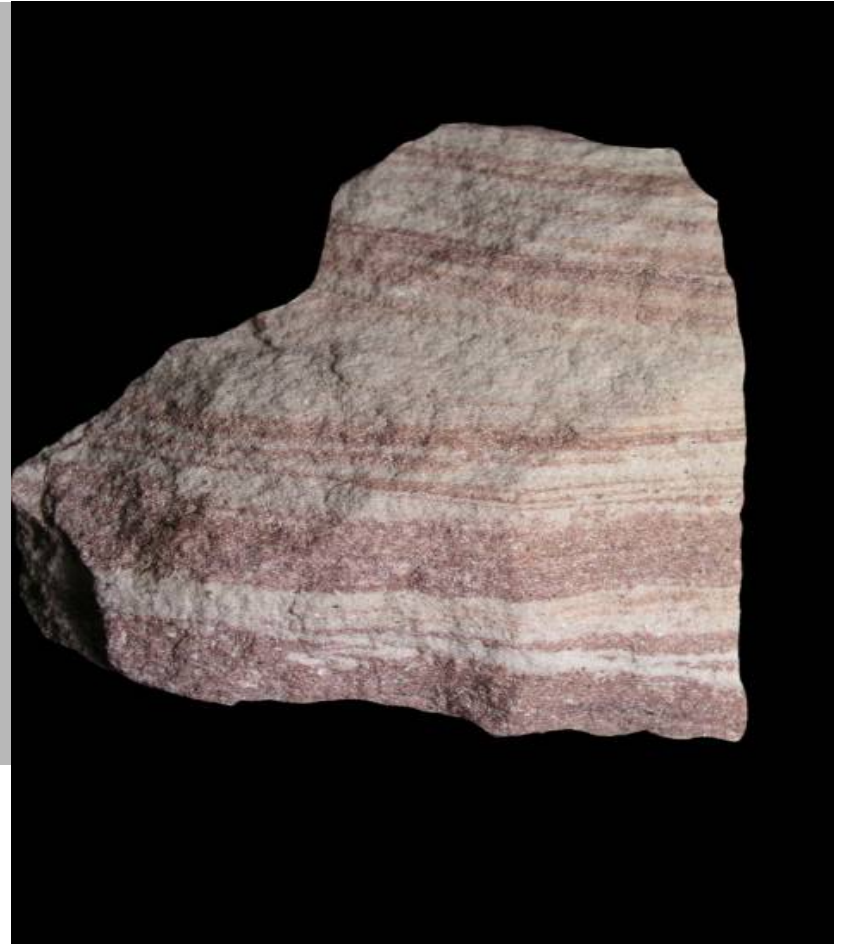
Scheme for Metamorphic Rock Identification

TEXTURE		GRAIN SIZE	COMPOSITION					TYPE OF METAMORPHISM	COMMENTS	ROCK NAME	MAP SYMBOL	
FOLIATED	MINERAL ALIGNMENT	Fine	MICA	QUARTZ	FELDSPAR	AMPHIBOLE	GARNET	PYROXENE	Regional (Heat and pressure increases) <div><div></div></div>	Low-grade metamorphism of shale	Slate	
		Fine to medium								Foliation surfaces shiny from microscopic mica crystals	Phyllite	
										Platy mica crystals visible from metamorphism of clay or feldspars	Schist	
	BAND-ING	Medium to coarse								High-grade metamorphism; mineral types segregated into bands	Gneiss	
NONFOLIATED		Fine	Carbon		Regional		Metamorphism of bituminous coal	Anthracite coal				
		Fine	Various minerals		Contact (heat)		Various rocks changed by heat from nearby magma/lava	Hornfels				
		Fine to coarse	Quartz		Regional or contact	Metamorphism of quartz sandstone	Quartzite					
			Calcite and/or dolomite			Metamorphism of limestone or dolostone	Marble					
		Coarse	Various minerals			Pebbles may be distorted or stretched	Metaconglomerate					

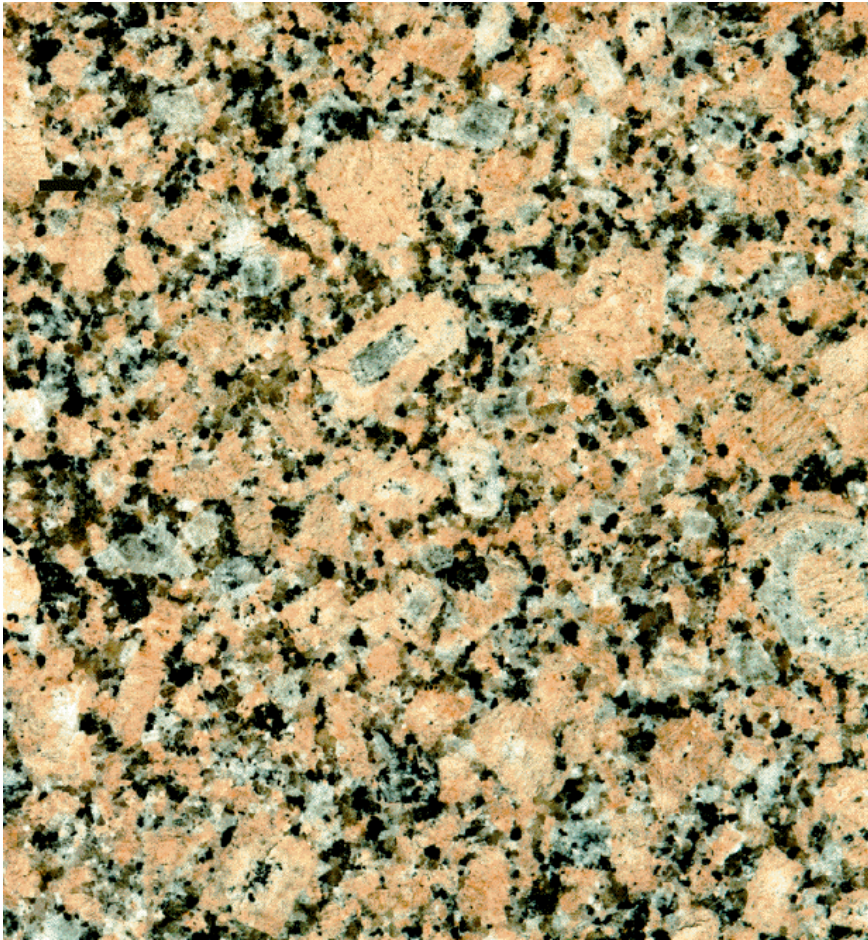
Coal Vs. Obsidian



Gneiss Vs. Sandstone



Granite Vs. Gneiss



Do Now

- Copy the question below and write down an answer...

Describe the main difference between each rock class:

Igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic

Do Now

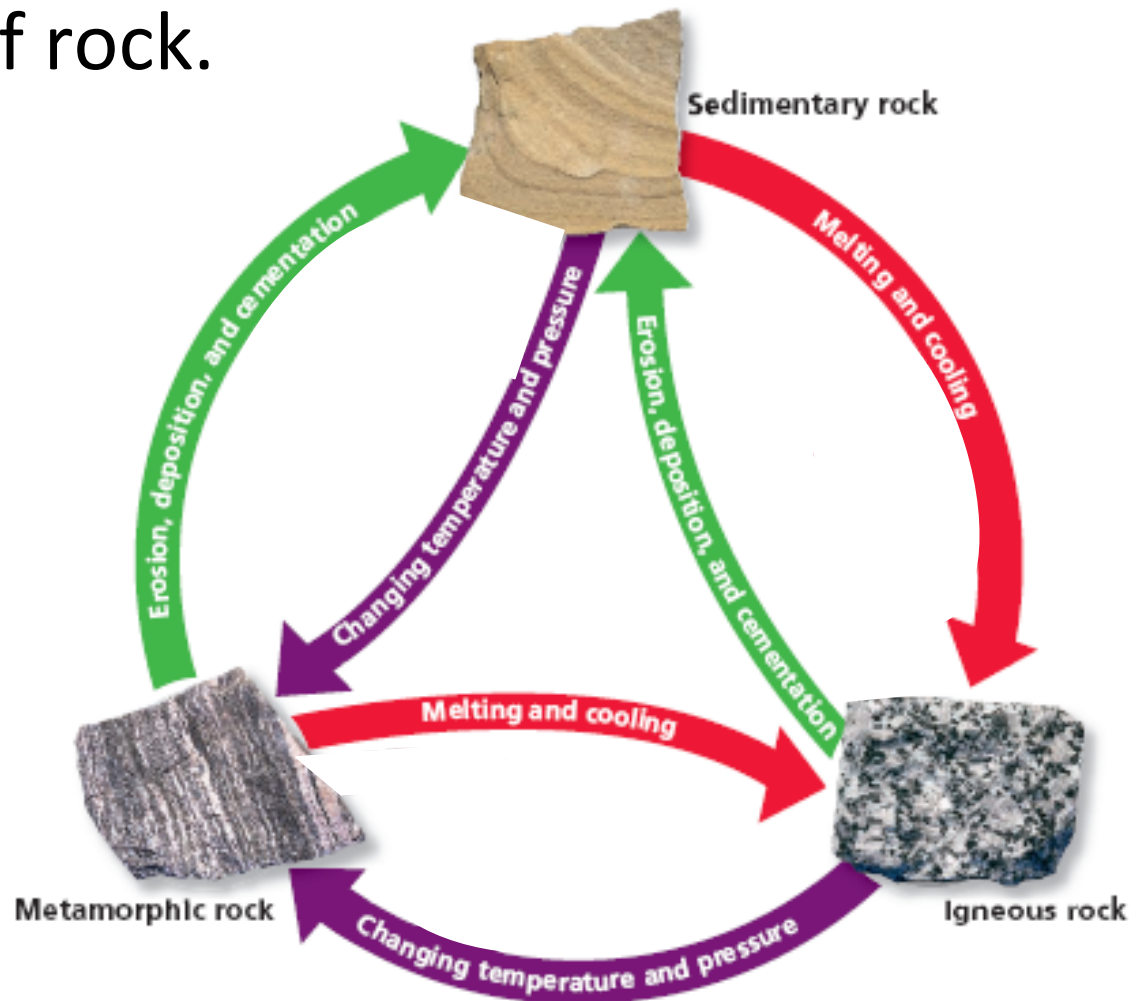
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What is the difference between regional and contact metamorphism?

What characteristic does the rock show for each?

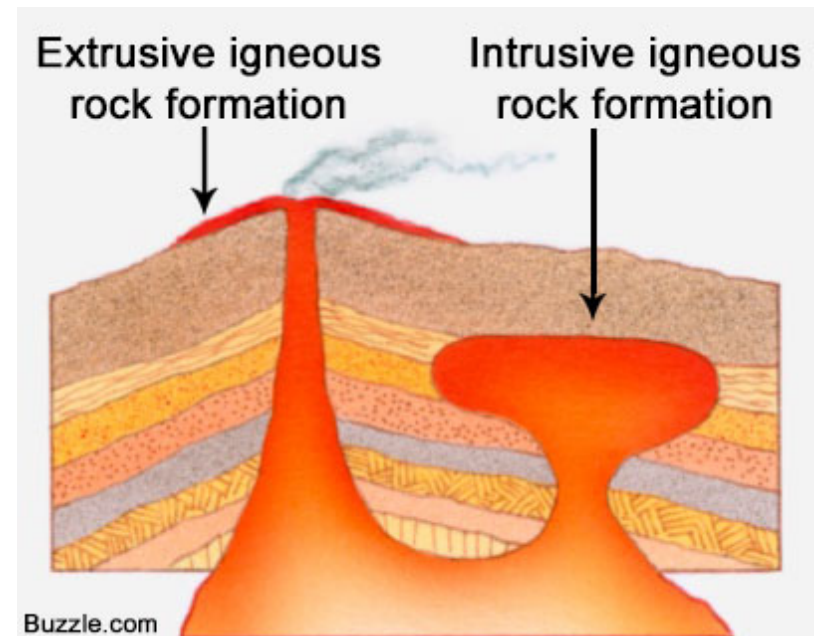
The Rock Cycle

- Any class of rock can change and form into another class of rock.



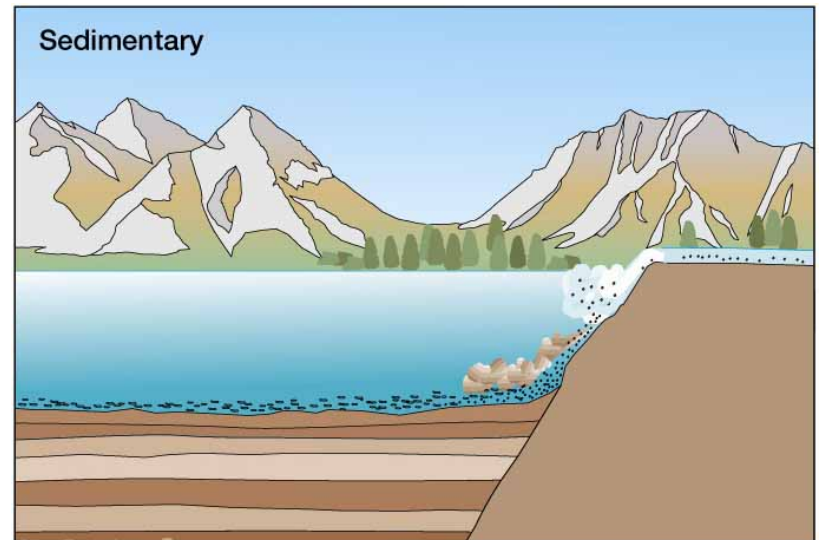
Igneous Rock

- Melting
 - Igneous Rock
- Weathering and Erosion
 - Sedimentary
- Heat and Pressure
 - Metamorphic Rock



Sedimentary Rock

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- Heat and Pressure
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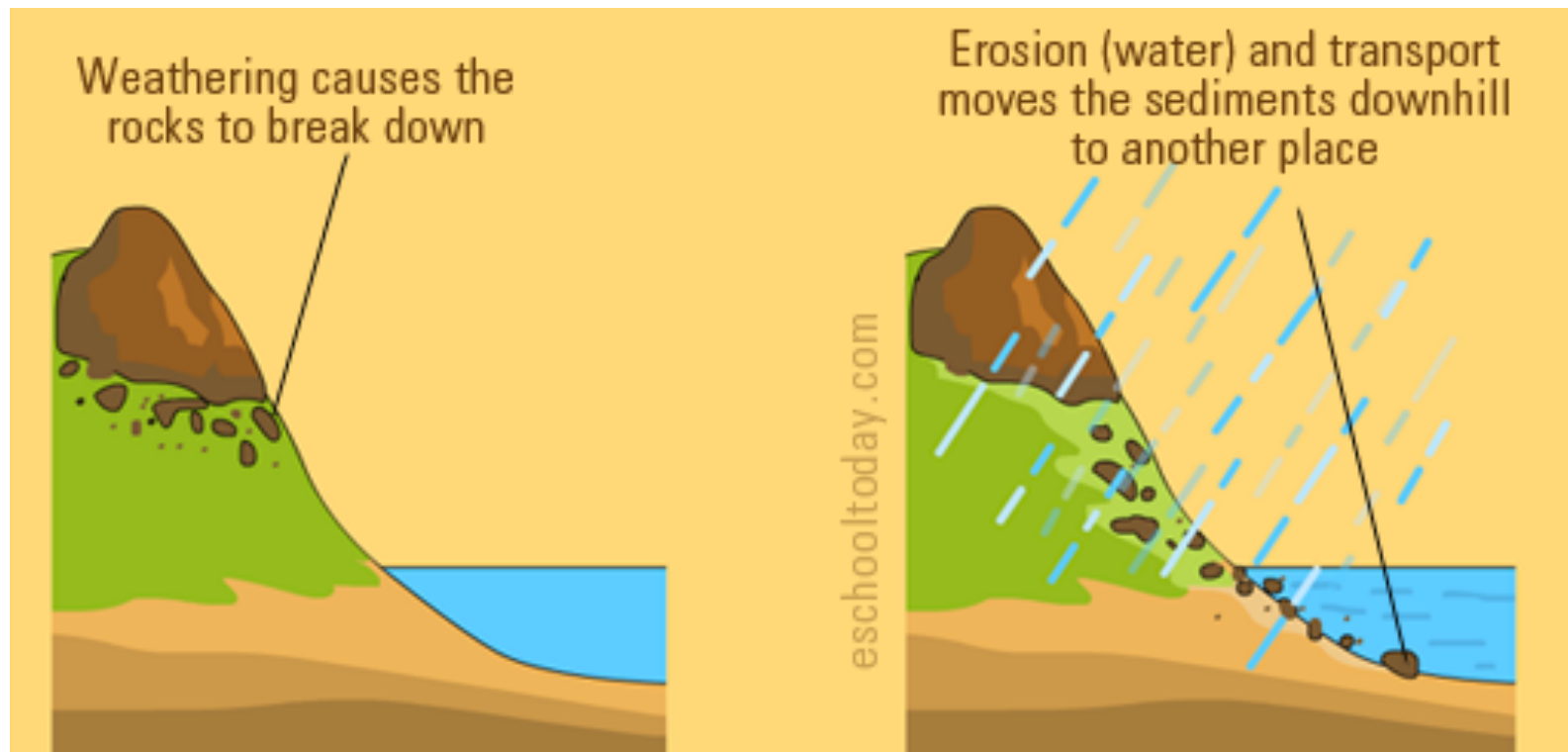
Weathering

- The breakdown of rocks when exposed to conditions at Earth's surface.



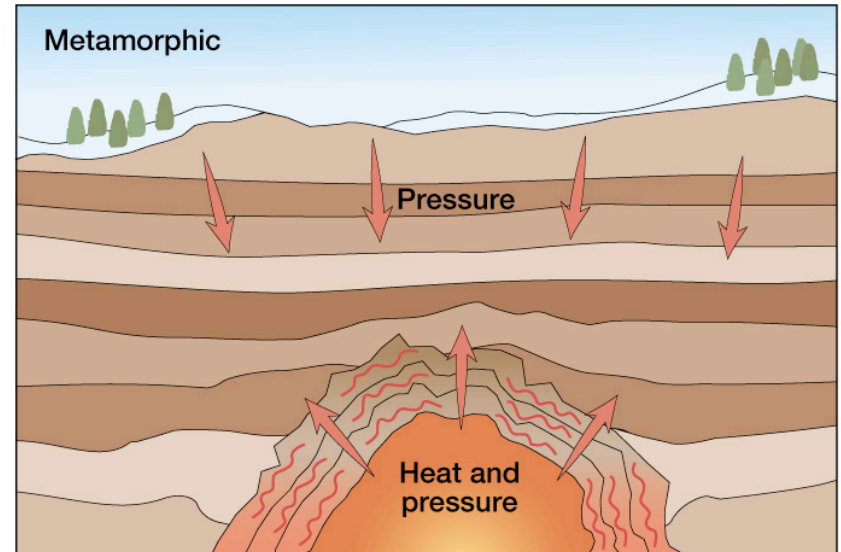
Erosion

- The movement of broken down rock by water, air, glacier, or by gravity.

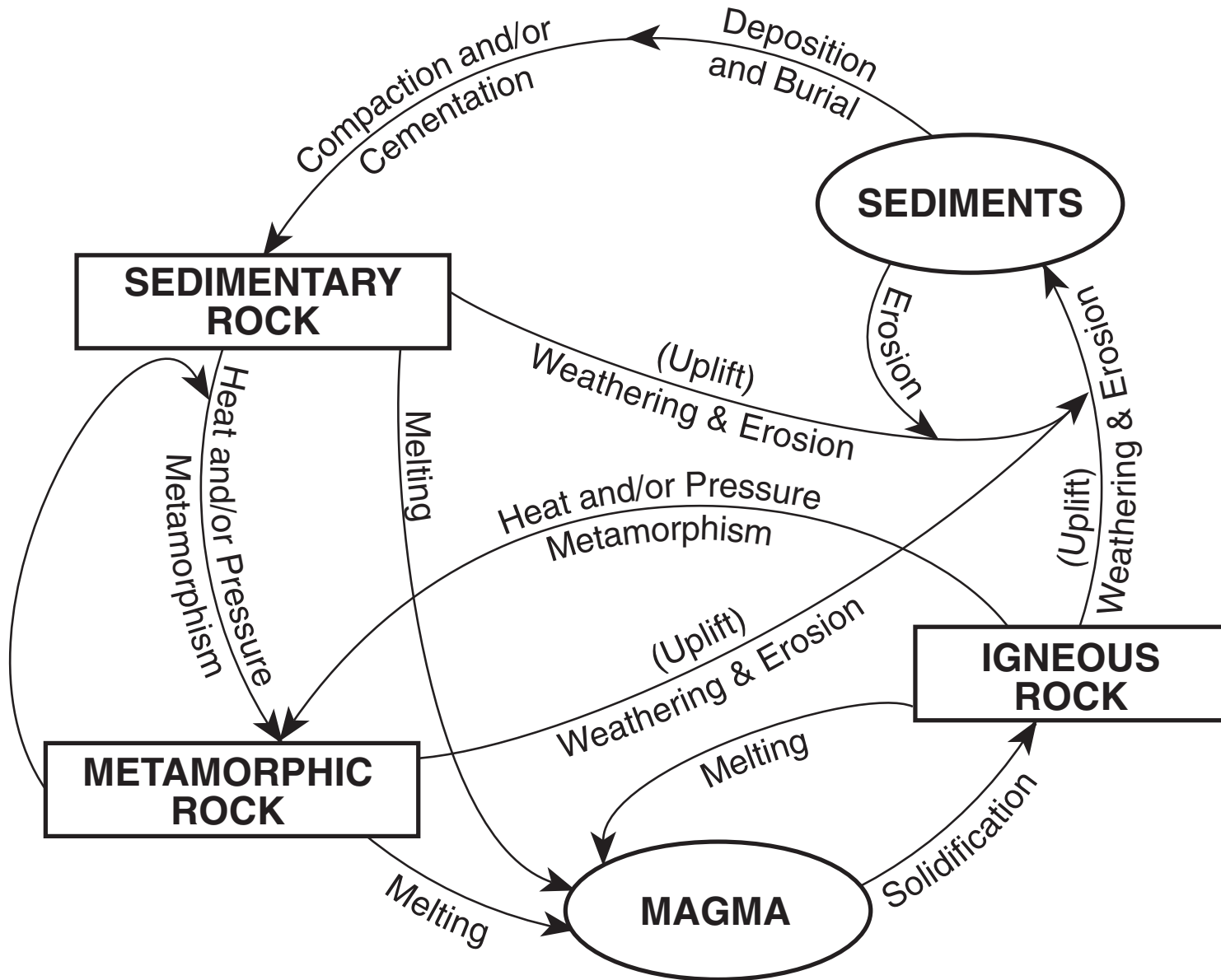


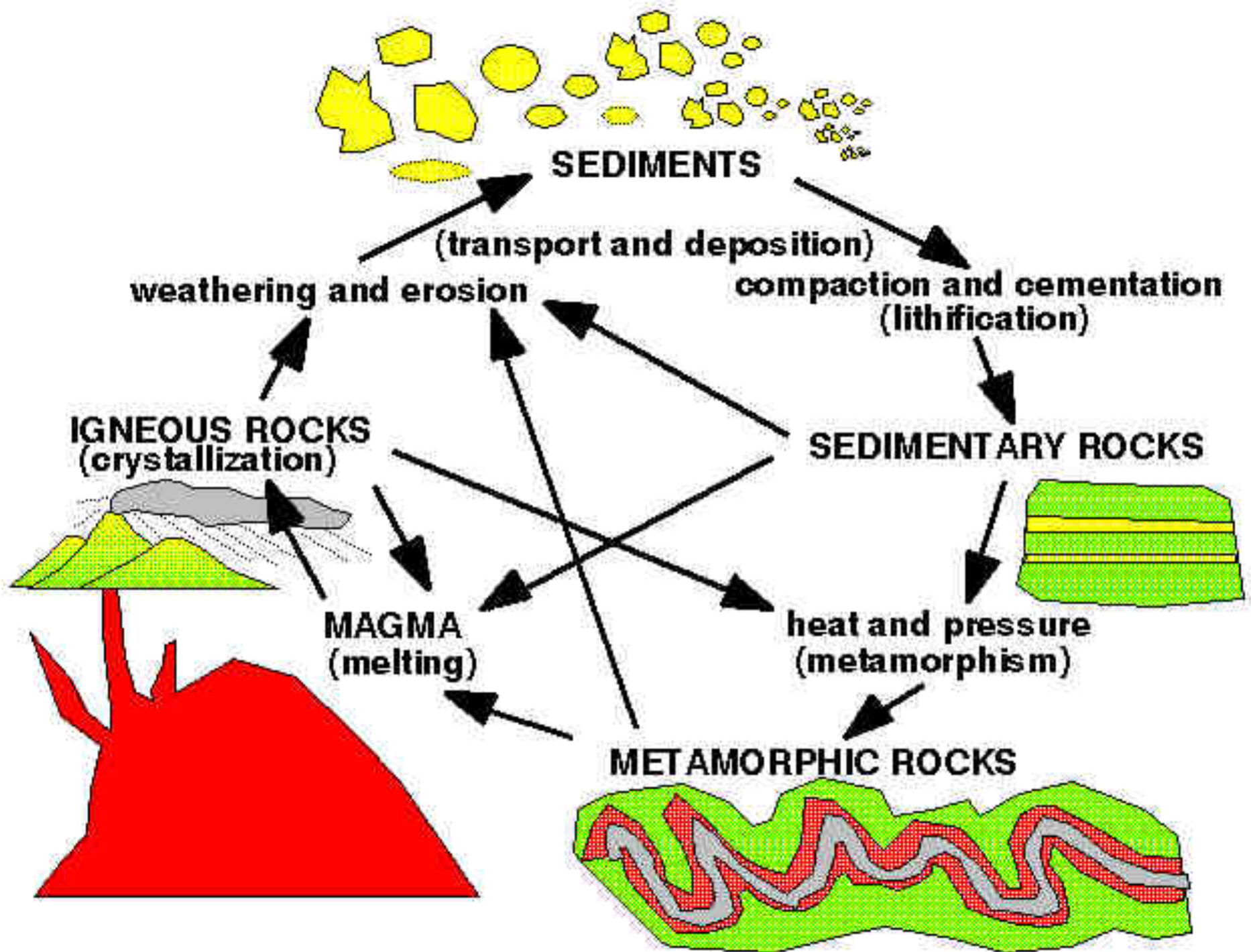
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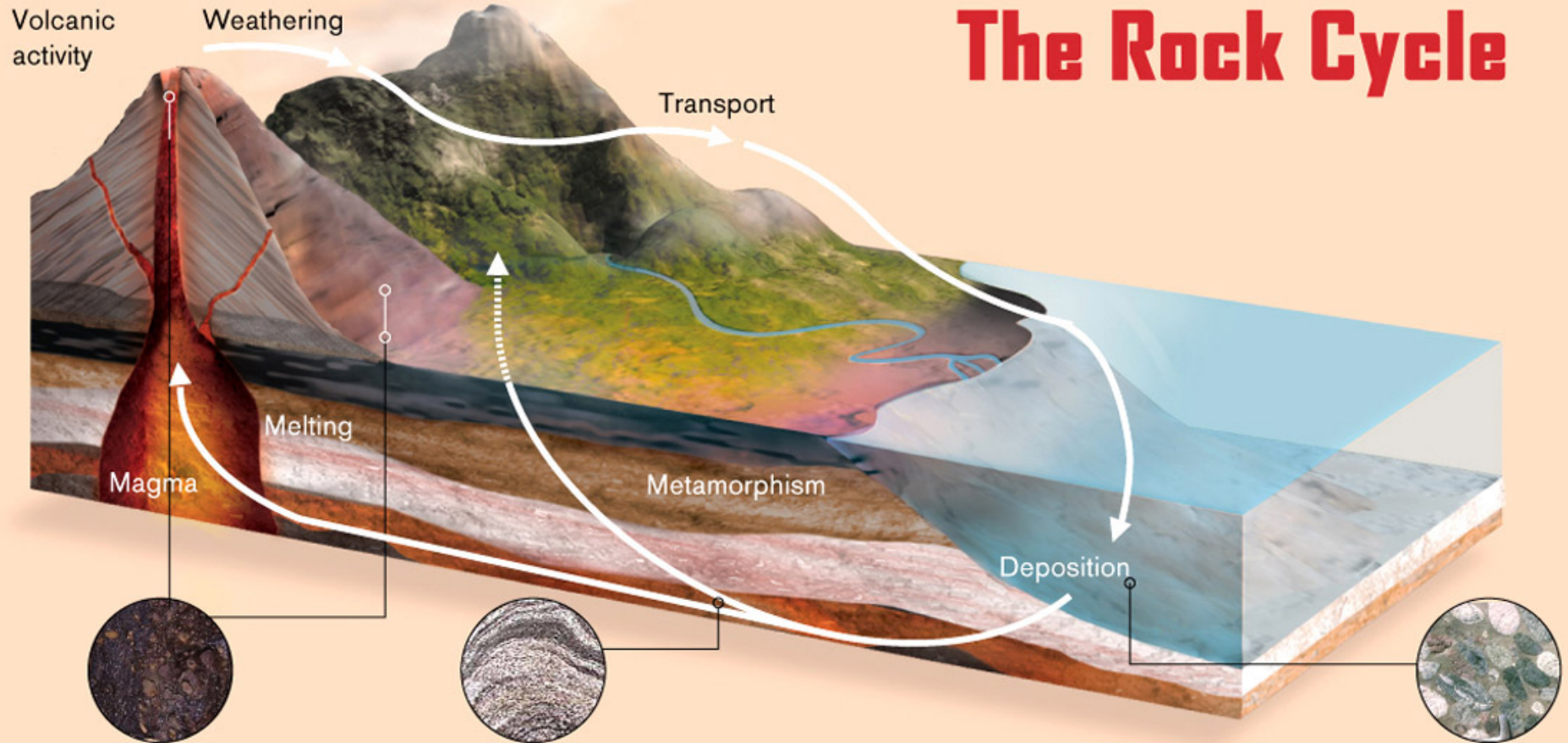


Rock Cycle in Earth's Crust





The Rock Cycle



Igneous rock

These rocks are formed when magma (molten rock) from the Earth's interior cools and solidifies.

Metamorphic rock

The heat and pressure of the Earth's interior transform igneous and sedimentary rocks into metamorphic rocks.

Sedimentary rock

Atmospheric agents erode and transport igneous rocks to the seabed, where they are compressed and merged with others into sedimentary rocks.

THE ROCK CYCLE

