

Rocks and Minerals

Read the information provided about minerals and answer the questions that follow.

Mineral Facts: Minerals are solid substances found in nature. Each mineral has a specific chemical composition, which means it is made up of particular elements. Minerals have a unique crystal structure, which gives them their distinct shape. There are thousands of minerals, but some common ones include quartz, feldspar, and mica. Minerals can be found in rocks and soil. They are often used in making everyday items.

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1) Where are minerals found?

2) Describe the structure of minerals.

3) Give an example of an everyday item that might contain minerals.

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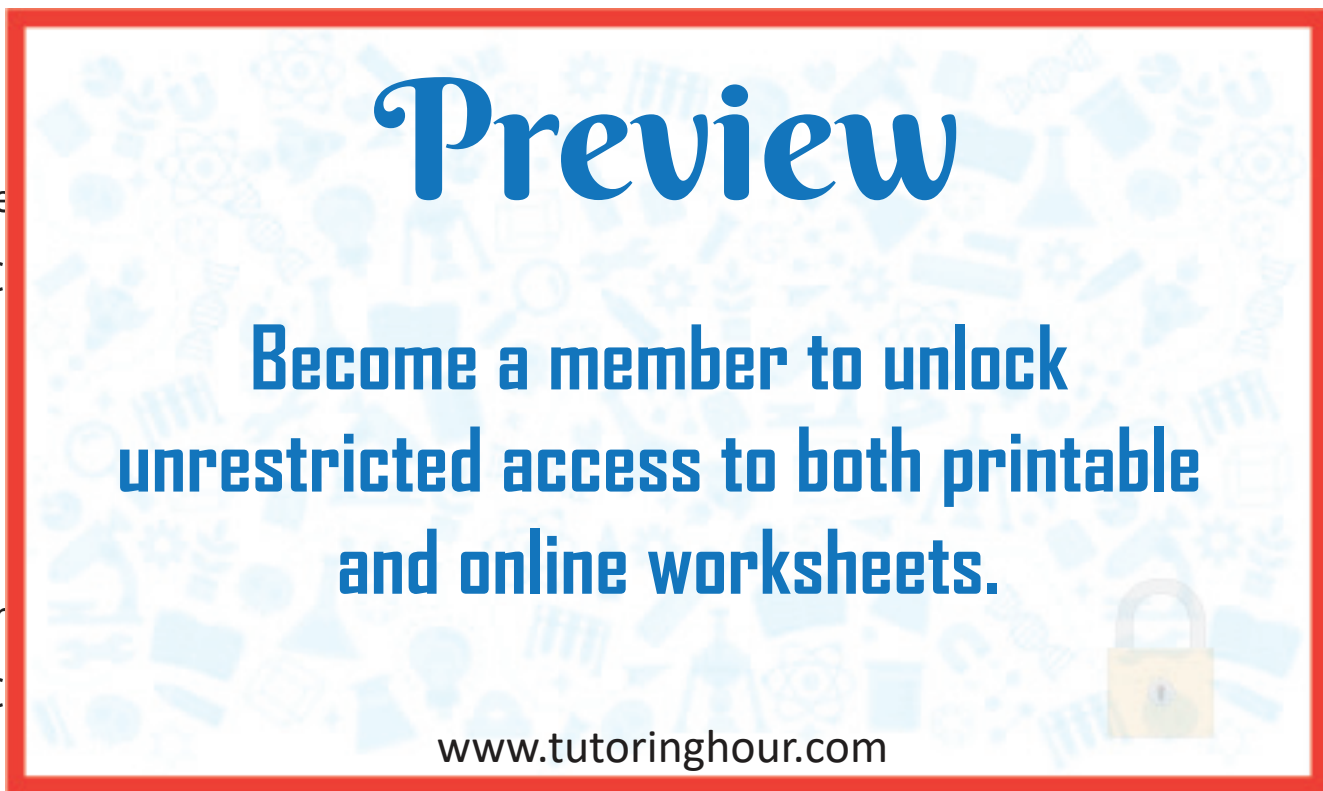
Observe the following minerals and write down any characteristics you notice, such as color, texture, and shape.

1) quartz

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4) Imagine you have a piece of jewelry made of a beautiful, shiny mineral. What kind of mineral do you think it could be, and why?
