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| Any object with a definite shape and a definite volume   * Not a liquid or a gas |
| An object that is found naturally on Earth.  Minerals are not made BY plants, animals, or humans. |
| NOT formed from living things or the remains of living things.  It is not alive, and it was never alive.  Minerals are not made OF plants, animals, or humans. |
| Made up of elements from the periodic table.  The “recipe” cannot be changed without changing the mineral.  Minerals are made of exact chemical elements. |
| Has a repeating pattern to the minerals particles. |

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