

Identifying Minerals

Read each description and identify the mineral.

1

I'm the hardest of all naturally occurring minerals. I'm made up of a single element, carbon. As I'm a popular gemstone, people use me to make jewelry. Who am I?



2

I'm soft and slippery. I'm also known as plumbago. I'm grayish black and I'm used as a lubricant. Who am I?



3

I'm a common halide mineral. I'm fluorescent in ultraviolet light. I'm made up of calcium and fluorine. I'm also known as Blue Fluorite.



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I'm a transparent mineral. I'm made up of silicon and oxygen. I'm used in light bulbs and fluorescent tubes. Who am I?

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I'm a soft and shiny metal. I'm used to make jewelry, coins, and electrical wiring. Who am I?



I'm a mineral. I'm a silicate mineral. I'm like glass and I'm used to make windows. I can be split into thin plates. Who am I?

fluorite

quartz

diamond

gold

mica

graphite