

III. Applying Concepts

Writing Skills

Directions: Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. Why are ilmenite and rutile considered to be ores?

2. Today, most mining for ores involves digging beneath Earth's surface. Why is this necessary?

3. Why is sugar NOT a mineral?

4. What is the relationship between magma and minerals?

5. What are two ways in which the crystals of a mineral may form? Include an explanation of how the space where they form may affect the crystal.

6. Why are many minerals silicates.
