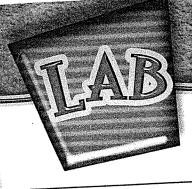
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B. Please Joh focused on in the following comparison is identifying aran nysical unknown minerals. As a result of my experimentation. I identified mineral #13 as Chert. However, the correct name of #13 was Barite. I analyzed several physical properties of sample #13. For example, the color observed of #13 was blackish, greyish, white. On the other hand, the color of Barite in the Mineral Identification Book stated the color as colorless, white, blue, red, green, or brown. examined the hardness for sample #13. I evaluated the sample #13 compared to Moh's scale of Hardness. I acquired a hardness of 4.2 to 4.9 for #13. Similarly, the hardness of Barite is 4.3 to 4.6. That aside, I analyzed whether Sample #13 demonstrated Cleavage or Fracture. The evidence suggests that #13 demonstrates Cleavage. contrast to Barite which is observed to be defined as Fracture. Furthermore, sample #13 has a non-metallic luster. In contrast to Barite which has a metallic luster. Equally important is a Mineral's streak color. Sample #13 proved to have a creamy white streak color. Whereas Barite exhibits a colorless streak. Another essential physical property I evaluated was the Specific Gravity or Density of #13. The outcome of my testing produced a density of 7.2 g/cm3 for



Mineral Identification

Goals

- Hypothesize which properties of each mineral are most useful for identification purposes.
- Test your hypothesis as you attempt to identify unknown mineral samples.

Materials

mineral samples magnifying lens pan balance graduated cylinder water piece of copper *copper penny glass plate small iron nail steel file streak plate 5% HCI with dropper Mohs scale of hardness Minerals Appendix *minerals field guide safety goggles *Alternate materials

Safety Precautions

WARNING: If an HCl spill occurs, notify your teacher and rinse with cool water until you are told to stop. Do not taste, eat, or drink any lab materials.

Real-World Question —

Although certain minerals can be identified by observing only one property, others require testing several properties to identify them. How can you identify unknown minerals?

Procedure

- 1. Copy the data table into your Science Journal. Obtain a set of unknown minerals.
- 2. Observe a numbered mineral specimen carefully. Write a star in the table entry that represents what you hypothesize is an important physical property. Choose one or two properties that you think will help most in identifying the sample.
- 3. Perform tests to observe your chosen properties first.
 - a. To estimate hardness:
 - Rub the sample firmly against objects of known hardness and observe whether it leaves a scratch on the objects.
 - Estimate a hardness range based on which items the miner scratches.
 - **b.** To estimate specific gravity: Perform a density measurement.
 - Use the pan balance to determine the sample's mass, in grams.



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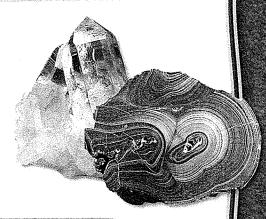
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Using Scientific Methods

- Measure its volume using a graduated cylinder partially filled with water. The amount of water displaced by the immersed sample, in mL, is an estimate of its volume in cm³.
- Divide mass by volume to determine density. This number, without units, is comparable to specific gravity.
- 4. With the help of the Mineral Appendix or a field guide, attempt to identify the sample using the properties from step 2. Perform more physical property observations until you can identify the sample. Repeat steps 2 through 4 for each unknown.



Physical Properties of Minerals									
Samp Numl		Hardness	Cleavage or Fracture	Color	Specific Gravity	Luster and Streak	Crystal Shape	Other Properties	Mineral Name
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Analyze Your Data-

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- 1. Which properties were most useful in identifying your samples? Which properties were least useful?
- **2. Compare** the properties that worked best for you with those that worked best for other students.

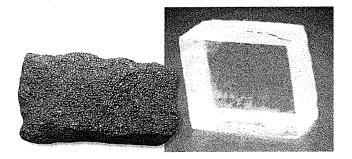
O Conclude and Apply———

- 1. **Determine** two properties that distinguish clear, transparent quartz from clear, transparent calcite. Explain your choice of properties.
- 2. Which physical properties would be easiest to determine if you found a mineral specimen in the field?

Communicating

Your Data

For three minerals, list physical properties that were important for their identification. For more help, refer to the Science Skill Handbook.



Reviewing Main Ideas

Section 1 Minerals

Much of what you use each day is made at least in some part from minerals.

All minerals are formed by natural processes and are inorganic solids with definite chemical compositions and orderly arrangements of atoms.

Minerals have crystal structures in one of six major crystal systems.

Section 2 Mineral Identification

- l. Hardness is a measure of how easily a mineral can be scratched.
- Luster describes how light reflects from a mineral's surface.

- **3.** Streak is the color of the powder left by a mineral on an unglazed porcelain tile.
- **4.** Minerals that break along smooth, flat surfaces have cleavage. When minerals break with rough or jagged surfaces, they are displaying fracture.
- **5.** Some minerals have special properties that aid in identifying them. For example, magnetite is identified by its attraction to a magnet.

Section 3 Uses of Minerals

- 1. Gems are minerals that are more rare and beautiful than common minerals.
- 2. Minerals are useful for their physical properties and for the elements they contain.

Visualizing Main Ideas

Copy and complete the following concept map about minerals. Use the following words and phrases: the way a mineral breaks, the way a mineral reflects light, ore, a rare and beautiful mineral, how easily a mineral is scratched, streak, and a useful substance mined for profit.

