



Kid's Corner

Rock Websites to Get You Ready for School

www.minerals.si.edu

Going here takes you to the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History's Department of Mineral Sciences. And if you're looking for pictures of beautiful minerals this is the place. After all the Hope Diamond and the Star of Asia Sapphire aren't the kind of rocks you pick up in your backyard.

www.minsocam.org

This is the website for the Mineralogical Society of America. It includes a separate site for kids, and tons of info on just about everything having to deal with mineralogy, petrology, and crystallography. The site also includes a collectors corner for identification, a crystal structure database, and ask a mineralogist.

www.webmineral.com

If you ever wanted to know just about everything about any one mineral then this is where you should go. At last count, this site has a database of 4,442 individual mineral species descriptions that include links for more info as well as a comprehensive image library. Minerals are sorted by their crystal system, structure, physical and optical properties, and more. They even go as far as to list them on how radioactive they are.

gemstone.org

The International Colored Gemstone Association's website is very pretty site to visit. With lots of info on anything gemstones including birthstones, stories, and tips. If you ever wanted to know anything about colored gemstones than this is the site for you.

www.geology.com

This is a site that has a lot of info. From geology maps for all 50 states to satellite images they have it all. You could spend hours looking through all the stuff on this site; that is, if your head doesn't explode from all the information first!

www.rocks-rock.com

This is a nice informational website for those just starting their exploration into the world of rocks, and you seasoned geologists may just learn a thing or two as well.

www.mcrocks.com

This site includes a picture tour of 13 counties in western North Carolina, and a nice message board with people who truly enjoy rocks.

www.fabreminerals.com

Looking for beautiful and rare specimens? Here's the place to find them. All of the minerals have nice pictures with descriptions and place of origin.

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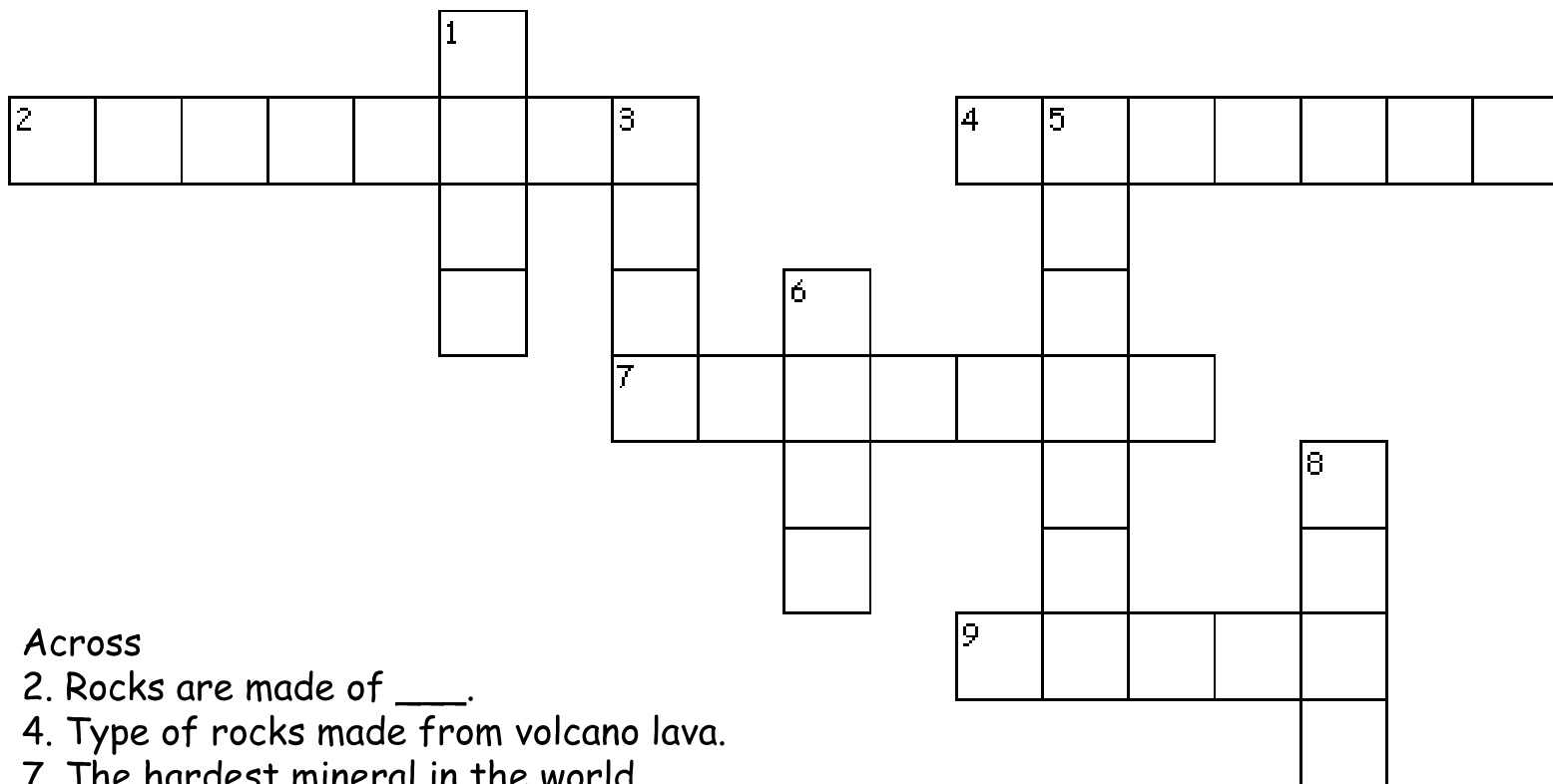
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Across

2. Rocks are made of ____.
4. Type of rocks made from volcano lava.
7. The hardest mineral in the world.
9. June birthstone.

Down

1. Melted rock that comes out of a volcano during and eruption.
3. Small quartz grains found on the beach.
5. Igneous rock often used for counter tops.
6. Large open areas in limestone rock worn away by rain water.
8. The halite mineral is also known as ____.

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