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Rocks, Minerals, Soils, & Fossils

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- 1. **cast:** A type of fossil that results from a mold being filled with sediments.
- 2. clay: A type of soil that has very small grains and holds water easily. it is sticky when wet, but hardens when it dries.
- 3. **color:** A property that cannot be used alone to describe a mineral.
- 4. **fossil:** The remains of a living thing that lived long ago and has turned to rock.
- 5. hardness: A property that describes how easily a mineral can scratch or be scratched.
- 6. **humus:** A type of soil that is made up of once living organisms.
- 7. **igneous:** A type of rock that was melted, cooled, and then hardened.
- 8. **luster:** A property that describes how well a mineral reflects light.
- 9. **metamorphic:** A type of rock that was once another type of rock, but was changed by heat and pressure.
- 10. minerals: Something that is a solid, formed in nature, has never been alive, and has properties by which it can be identified.
- mold: A type of fossil that is a cavity or opening in a rock, shaped of a once living thing.
- 12. **preserved part:** A type of fossil that is actual parts of the living things that have turned to stone.
- 13. **rock:** A solid material made up of one or more minerals.
- 14. **sand:** A type of soil that has large grains and large spaces between the grains.
- 15. sedimentary: A type of rock that is made up of pieces of rock that have been pressed together.
- 16. silt: A type of soil that has pieces that are smaller than sand and feels like powder.