

Compare and Contrast

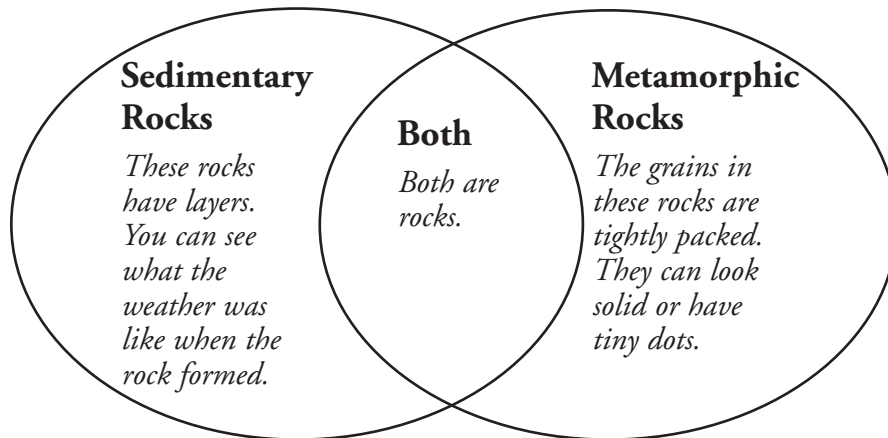
TRY THE SKILL

Comparing and contrasting can help you understand what you read. Comparing tells how things are alike. Contrasting tells how things are different.

Read these paragraphs from *Rocks and Minerals*. Then, read the Venn diagram that compares and contrasts.

What does sedimentary rock look like? It is weathered particles pressed into layers. In these layers, you can see what the weather was like when the rock formed.

What does metamorphic rock look like? These rocks form when they are buried and under high pressure. The grains in these rocks are tightly packed. This can make the rock look striped. The rock can also look solid or have tiny dots.



Read the paragraphs. Think about comparing and contrasting. Then complete the Venn diagram.

What do igneous rocks look like? These rocks are formed when molten rock hardens. Molten rock may actually boil and bubble. So, igneous rocks sometimes develop air bubbles in them as they cool.

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