



Key Vocabulary

Rate Your Knowledge

The words listed below have to do with rocks and minerals. Each word is important, but some of them may be new to you. Read each word. Rate your knowledge by putting a check or a few words in the appropriate column.

	I don't know it.	I've seen it, and I think it means . . .	I know it well. It means . . .
biogenic			
cleavage			
condense			
crystal			
fossil			
geology			
igneous			
lapidary			
lava			
magma			
metamorphic			
sedimentary			

Roots

Circle the word in each sentence that contains the root. Then explain what you think the root means.

sedi-

- I noticed that sediment had settled on the bottom of the cup of tea.
- We have sedimentary rocks around here, even though there are no more rivers or lakes.

sedi- means: _____

-morph

- Animated TV characters can metamorphose from one person into another onscreen.
- Metamorphic rocks must be mined from under the earth's surface.

-morph means: _____

ign-

- The driver turned the ignition on the car and it fired right up.
- Mom lit a match to ignite the campfire.
- We found the igneous rock close to the volcano.

ign- means: _____