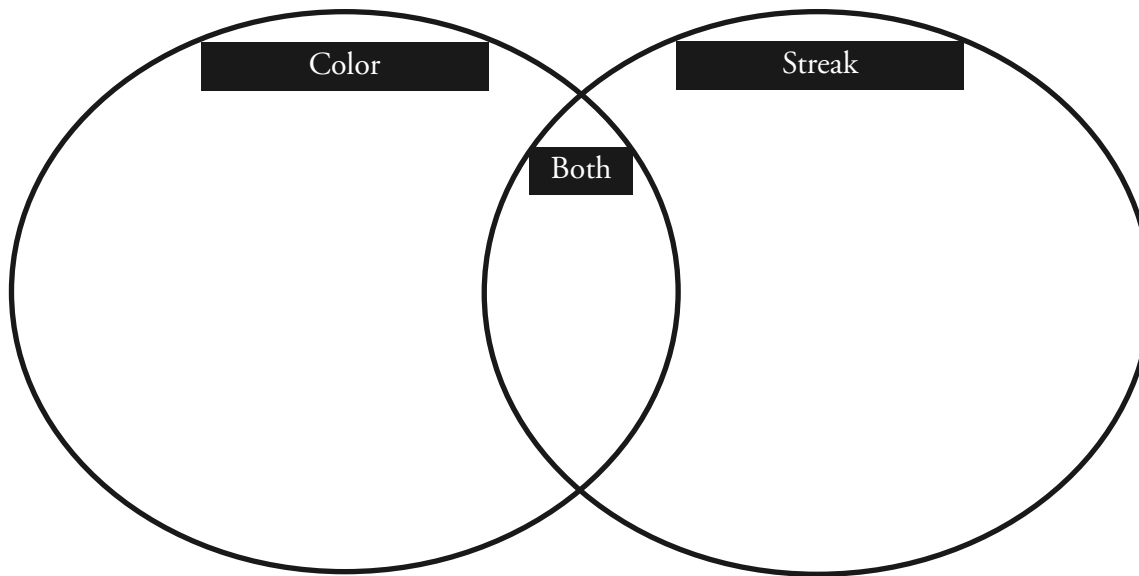


Stop and Think

This page will help summarize and categorize what you have read so far.

Tip: To compare two things, list their similarities. To contrast them, list their differences.

1. Complete the Venn diagram comparing color and streak as properties. Then write one or two sentences to explain the diagram.



2. Which is not a property used to determine a mineral's identity?

- (A) odor (B) taste
- (C) color (D) weight

Dear Ms. Understanding,

I have a rock that attracts the needle of a compass. Does that mean that my rock is the mineral iron, or does it just have some iron in it?



Wondering in Westerville

Dear Wondering,

Good question! Iron is magnetic and your rock may be iron or contain iron. But several other rocks and minerals are magnetic as well. Even salt is slightly magnetic. So, do some other tests and try to figure out what you've got.



Ms. Understanding