



 <p>Mineral composition</p>	<p>Rocks have a special mixture of one or more minerals.</p>
 <p>Size</p>	<p>Rocks can be huge boulders or small pebbles. They can be as big as a mountain or as tiny as a speck of dust.</p>
 <p>Shape</p>	<p>Rocks can be flat, round, square, or almost any other shape.</p>
 <p>Color</p>	<p>Rocks come in every color you can imagine. Many rocks have more than one color, depending on the colors of their minerals.</p>
 <p>Texture</p>	<p>Some rocks feel very rough, while others are smooth. They can have tiny grains; large, smooth chunks; or long, pointed crystals. Some rocks are full of airholes.</p>
 <p>Hardness</p>	<p>The Mohs Scale of Hardness compares how hard each mineral is within a rock. Talc is rated a 1 (very soft), and diamonds are rated a 10 (very hard).</p>
 <p>Patterns</p>	<p>Rocks may have streaks, waves, or straight lines. They may have dots everywhere or be built layer upon layer. Some rocks do not have a clear pattern.</p>
 <p>Location</p>	<p>An important way to describe a rock is by where in nature it is found. A beach may have different rocks than a forest, desert, or volcano.</p>