

**Identifying Rock Types Activity (upper elementary)**

Rock Types			Rock Sample Numbers											
I=igneous	S=sedimentary	M=metamorphic	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Using above properties determine the Rock Type			I	M	S	S	S	S	I	M	I	M	I	M

**Rock Identification in baggies as follows:**

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|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| 1. granite      | 5. shale     | 9. diorite |
| 2. gneiss       | 6. sandstone | 10. slate  |
| 3. conglomerate | 7. obsidian  | 11. scoria |
| 4. limestone    | 8. quartzite | 12. schist |

Rock type	Classification (how formed)	Identifying features		Rock Name
		grain size	colors	
Igneous	<b>Intrusive:</b> cools slower underground, crystals big enough to see	crystals bigger than small sand grains	black/white or reddish/black/white	granite
			gray/black/white	diorite
	<b>Extrusive:</b> cools quickly above ground, crystals too small to see	crystals too small to see & gas bubble holes	usually black but can be reddish due to oxidation	scoria
		no crystals	usually black	obsidian
Sedimentary	<b>Clastic:</b> sediment grains pressed or rock fragments cemented back together	small individual grains	white, tan or reddish	sandstone
		very small grains, can't see them	dark grey to black	shale
		large and small rounded grains	various individual grain colors	conglomerate
	<b>Chemical:</b> dissolved minerals precipitate out of water	very small, usually can't see grains	usually white or tan	limestone
Metamorphic	<b>Foliated:</b> rocks become layered due to high heat and pressure	very small, thin layers	light grey or black	slate
		very small with thicker layers	alternating layers with different colors	gneiss (nice)
		flattened layers that sparkle	usually light white/silver or dark black/green	schist
	<b>Nonfoliated:</b> rocks are heat altered, or chem. reaction	crystal edges blend, together,	white color or pink/purple	quartzite

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		usually don't see individual crystals		
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# KEY: IGNEOUS

Rock Name & Number	Identifying Features		Sub - Classification
	Color	Grain size	
Granite (1)	pink/ black/ white or black/ white	crystals bigger than small sand grains	<b>Intrusive Igneous:</b> cools slower underground, crystals big enough to see
Diorite (9)	black/ white	crystals bigger than small sand grains	<b>Intrusive Igneous:</b> cools slower underground, crystals big enough to see
Scoria (11)	usually black but can be reddish if oxides	crystals too small to see & gas bubble holes	<b>Extrusive Igneous:</b> cools quickly above ground, crystals too small to see
Obsidian (7)	usually shiny black	no crystals	<b>Extrusive Igneous:</b> cools quickly above ground, crystals too small to see

# KEY: Metamorphic

Rock Name & Number	Identifying Features		Sub - Classification
	Color	Grain size	
<b>Slate (10)</b>	light gray or black	very small, thin layers	<b>Foliated Metamorphic:</b> rocks become layered due to high heat and pressure
<b>Gneiss (nice) (2)</b>	alternating layers with different colors	very small with thicker layers	<b>Foliated Metamorphic:</b> rocks become layered due to high heat and pressure
<b>Schist (12)</b>	usually light white/silver or dark black/green	flattened layers that <b>sparkle</b>	<b>Foliated Metamorphic:</b> rocks become layered due to high heat and pressure
<b>Quartzite (8)</b>	white color or pink/purple	crystal edges blend together, usually don't see individual crystals	<b>Nonfoliated Metamorphic:</b> rocks are heat altered, or chem. reaction

# KEY: Sedimentary

Rock Name & Number	Identifying Features		Sub - Classification
	Color	Grain size	
<b>Sandstone (6)</b>	tan, white or reddish	small individual grains	<b>Clastic Sedimentary:</b> sediment grains pressed or rock fragments cemented back together
<b>Shale (5)</b>	dark gray to black	very small grains, can't see them	<b>Clastic Sedimentary:</b> sediment grains pressed or rock fragments cemented back together
<b>Conglomerate (3)</b>	various individual grain colors	large and small rounded grains	<b>Clastic Sedimentary:</b> sediment grains pressed or rock fragments cemented back together
<b>Limestone (4)</b>	usually white, light grey or tan	very small, usually can't see grains	<b>Chemical Sedimentary:</b> dissolved minerals precipitate out of water

<b>R</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>K</b>
Igneous	Quartzite	Shale	Slate
Limestone	Granite	Scoria	FREE
Gneiss	Sedimentary	Obsidian	Schist
Sandstone	Diorite	Metamorphic	Conglomerate

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Igneous	Slate	Sandstone	Shale
Limestone	Scoria	Metamorphic	Conglomerate
Quartzite	Sedimentary	Obsidian	Schist

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Slate	Sedimentary	Granite	Schist
Igneous	Gneiss	Limestone	Sandstone
Conglomerate	Scoria	Metamorphic	Obsidian



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Gneiss	Sedimentary	Diorite	Slate
Conglomerate	Granite	Limestone	FREE
Igneous	Quartzite	Sandstone	Schist

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Limestone	Obsidian	Metamorphic	Scoria
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Gneiss	Igneous	Slate	Limestone
Sedimentary	Quartzite	Schist	Scoria
Obsidian	Shale	FREE	Granite

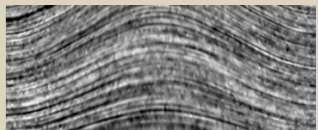
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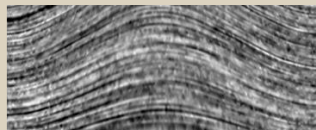




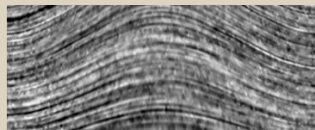




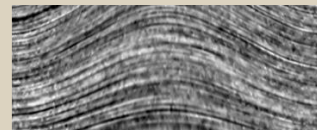
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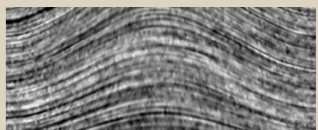
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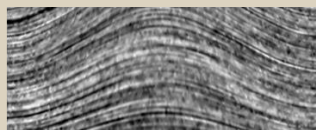
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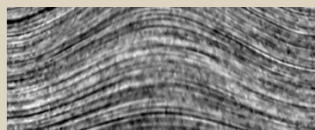
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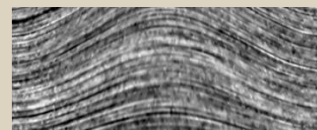
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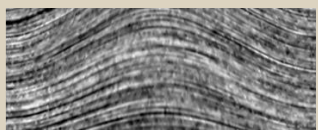
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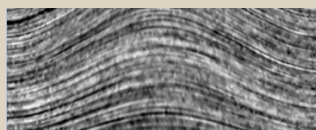
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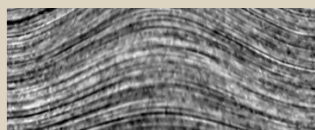
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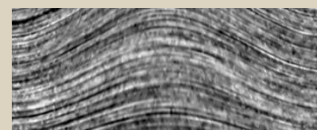
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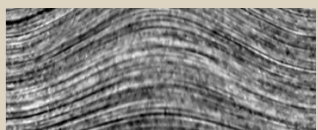
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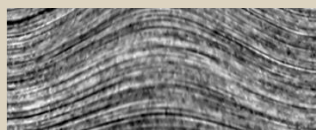
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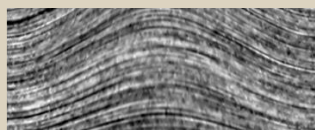
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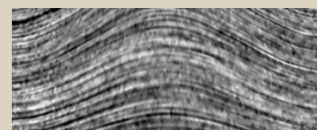
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