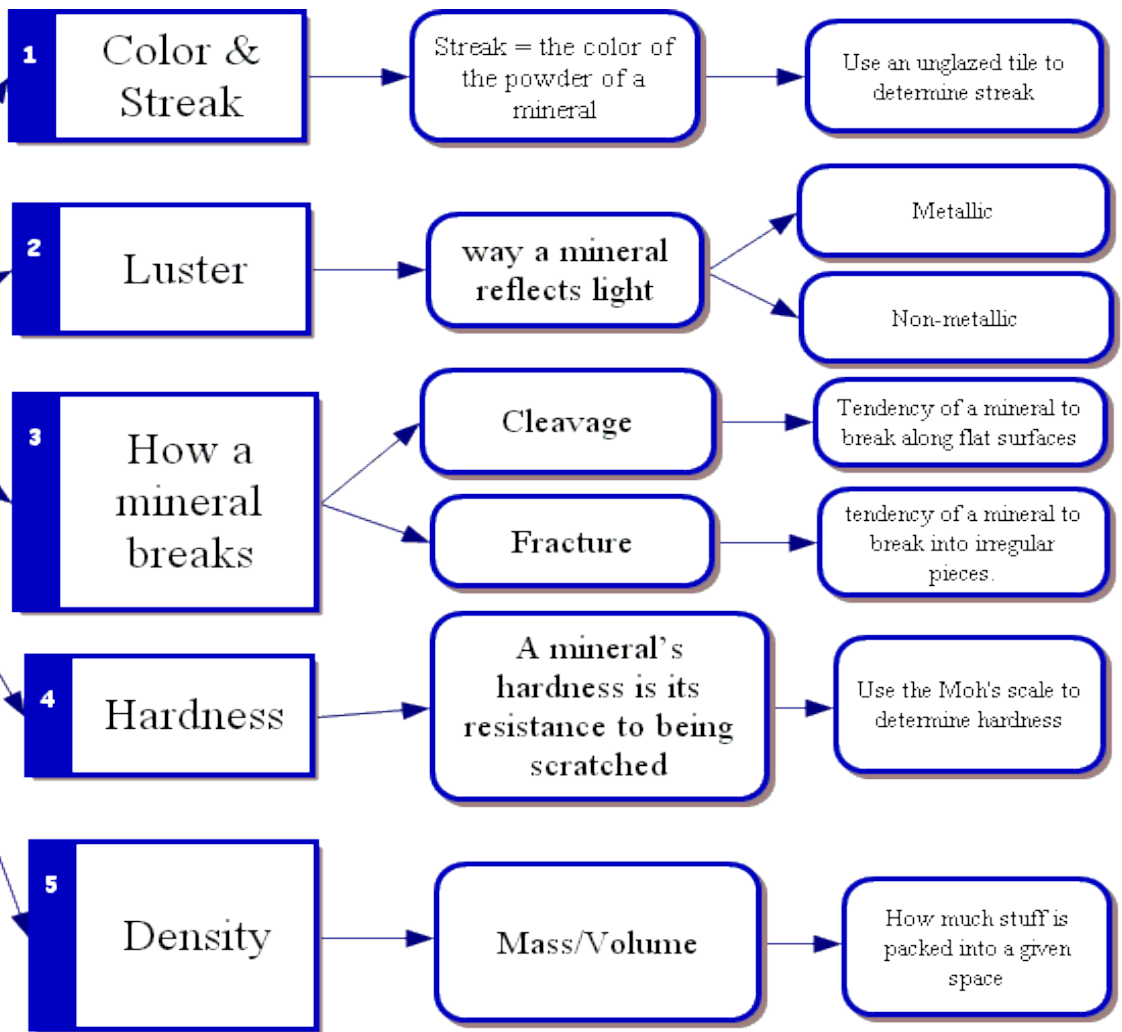




How to identify Minerals



Moh's Hardness Scale

Hardness	Mineral	Description
1	Talc	Fingernail scratches it easily.
2	Gypsum	Fingernail scratches it.
3	Calcite	Copper penny scratches it.
4	Fluorite	Steel knife scratches it easily.
5	Apatite	Steel knife scratches it.
6	Feldspar	Steel knife does not scratch it easily, but scratches glass.
7	Quartz	Hardest common mineral. It scratches steel and glass easily.
8	Topaz	Harder than any common mineral.
9	Corundum	It scratches Topaz.
10	Diamond	It is the hardest of all minerals.