Facts

● All rocks are made of two or more minerals, but minerals are not made of rocks. A mineral is the same all the way through.

● There are about 3,000 known minerals on Earth.

● Quartz is one of the most common minerals found on Earth, and basalt is the most common rock.

● Diamond is the hardest natural substance on Earth, and a diamond is used to cut another diamond.

● Marble forms from metamorphosed carbonate rock, usually limestone.

* The biggest pure-gold nugget was found in Australia in 1869 and weighed 156 pounds. Gold is extremely soft and is one of the most valuable minerals.

● Geodes are plain balls of igneous or sedimentary rock on the outside, but contain beautiful crystals on the inside.