Lets Rock! THE ROCK CYCLE

3 Types of Rocks

There are 3 different types of rocks; Igneous Sedimentary Metamorphic



Igneous Rock

Igneous rocks are formed by magma and lava as it cools. Igneous rocks form in two different ways.

- Rock that comes from lava cools very fast and can either be very light and airy or the rocks can be glassy.
- Rocks that come from magma are formed under ground. They are often times very hard and have more colors.









Igneous rock



Sedimentary Rock

- Sedimentary rock is made when sediments (sand, gravel, and dirt) are pressed together over time and become a rock
- Sedimentary rock is formed in layers.



Sedimentary Rocks





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Metamorphic Rock

- Metamorphic rocks are made from other rocks.
- Heat and pressure help change an igneous or sedimentary rock into a new kind of rock (think about how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly)



The Rock Cycle



PARTS OF ROCKS

Rocks have many different parts

 Rocks can be sorted into groups by looking at their parts. Some rock parts are:

CrystalsGrains

Crystals

 Crystals are different atoms that are formed in a pattern. They can be big or small, fat or thin.





 Grains are smaller pieces of rock or sediment.
Grain size is something that is used a lot to help decide the rock type.



Rock Explorers

- Lets look at some rocks!
- Get a partner and a magnifying glass
- Come and pick up a rock (you will be looking at one rock at a time)
- You and your partner will take turns looking at the rock. Decide if you think that crystals are large or small. Look to see if it has grains.