

Name _____

Generalize • Prior Knowledge

- When you read, you can sometimes make a **general statement** about what you have read that tells how some things are mostly alike or all alike.
- Look for examples. Ask what they have in common.
- Use **what you already know** about a topic to help you understand what you read.

Directions Read the following passage. Then complete the diagram below to make a generalization.

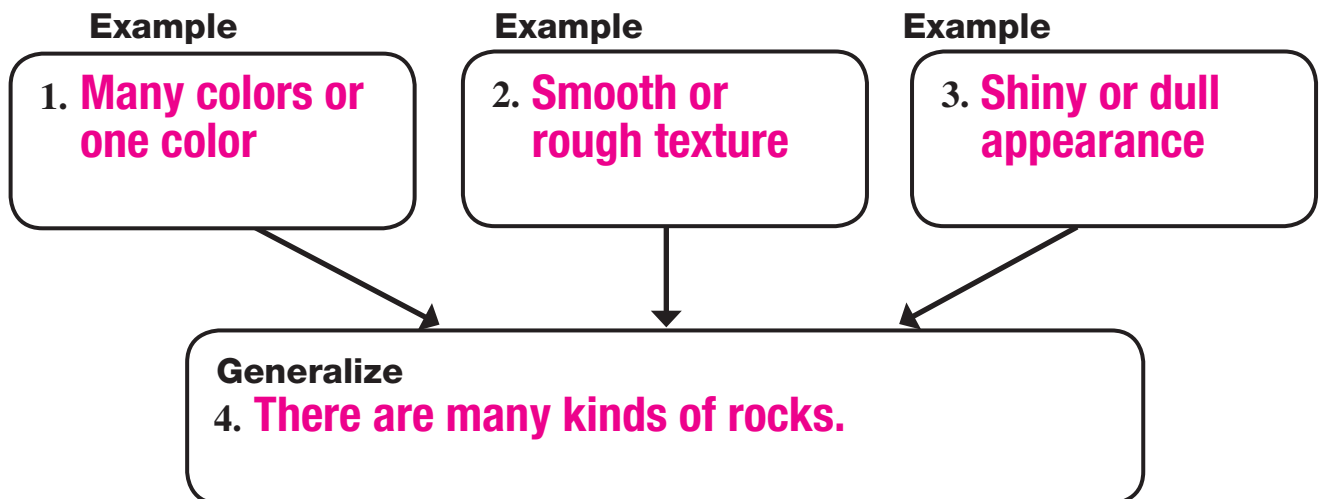
Want to start a rock collection? It's not hard to do.

Begin by taking a walk in your neighborhood with a parent. If you see some interesting rocks, pick them up and save them.

Study the rocks. Some have many colors. Others have only one color. Some

are smooth. Others are rough. Some are shiny. Others are dull. Ask yourself questions about the rocks.

After you have collected some rocks, organize them. Get a book about types of rocks. Sort your rocks. Label each group.



5. What do you already know about rocks? **Answers will vary. Rocks come in different sizes, shapes, textures, and colors. Rocks can be found in many places.**



Home Activity Your child made a generalization from a nonfiction passage about rocks. Read another nonfiction passage with your child and discuss any generalizations the author made. Have your child tell how the author made those generalizations.