

LOOKING AT ROCKS

Have you ever looked at rocks? Some rocks look the same all over. They are made of one thing. However, most rocks do not look the same all over. Some have different colors. Some have sparkles. Others have shiny spots. The colors and sparkles and shines come from the different materials mixed together in the rock.

If you like looking at rocks, you can get a job working with rocks when you grow up. Some scientists look at rocks to find out about dinosaurs from long ago. Other scientists look at rocks to find oil. Some rock scientists help builders make safe buildings. Others try to predict when an earthquake will happen or a volcano will erupt.

Rocks can tell us many things. Take a look!

Strategy: Here's where you can use what you know to help you understand better. Think of rocks you have seen. What do they look like?

Skill: This paragraph tells about different kinds of rocks. What generalization can you make? Ask yourself, "What do most rocks seem to have in common?"