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Generalize

- A **generalization** is a broad statement or rule that applies to many examples.
- A **valid generalization** is adequately supported by specific facts and by logic.

Directions Read the passage below.

“**G**ranite is igneous rock. Granite is usually gray. It can have tiny white and black crystals. Some granite has pink crystals,” Mom said as she held up a rock for Tina to see.

“Another type of rock is sedimentary rock. Sandstone is sedimentary rock. Rivers carry sand to lakes and seas. Layers of sand settle to the bottom. The top layers of

sand press down on the bottom layers. This pressing turns sand into sandstone. Sandstone is soft and sandy,” Mom explained.

“Limestone is a sedimentary rock too. It is made from sea animals’ skeletons. Sometimes you can see the skeletons in the rock. Limestone is often white. It can be pink, tan, or other colors too.”

Directions Make a generalization about each of the rocks in this passage.

Granite	<p>Granite is usually gray</p> <hr/> <hr/>
Sandstone	<p>Sandstone is soft and sandy</p> <hr/> <hr/>
Limestone	<p>Limestone is often white</p> <hr/> <hr/>