

The Nature of Science

How can minerals be defined by their properties?

Question 1 :For each mineral you tested, which test was most helpful in identifying that particular mineral? Why?

Question 2 :For each mineral you tested, which test was least helpful in identifying that particular mineral? Why?

Question 3 :Why is streak color more reliable than mineral color as an identifying characteristic?

Question 4 :Why do you think some minerals are easier to identify than others?