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Hematite

It can be identified by its characteristic red streak. It is widely distributed and forms the most abundant and important ore of iron. The name is derived from a Greek word meaning blood.

Corundum

The red gem variety si called ruby, one of the most valuable of gems. The blue gem variety is called sapphire.

Magnetite

Strongly magnetic. It is named for the locality Magnesia, Greece. A fable ascribes its name to a shepherd named Magnes, who first discovered the mineral on Mount Ida after noticing that nails of his shoes and the iron ferrule of his staff adhered to the ground.

Cassiterite

The primery ore of tin.

Bauxite

The primery ore of aluminium. This mineral is known as solid elektricity, in allusion to the amount of energy it takes to process the ore. This is why aluminium is so highly sought-after for recycling. It was named after the locality at Baux, France.

Ouartz

The most common and abundant of all the minerals. It is found in an impressive range of varieties and colors, the purple variety is ametyst, which gets its colour from small amounts of ferric iron, the yellow variety is called citrine, while the dark variety. smoky quartz, is formed from exposure to radiactive material