



Rockin' Geology Vocabulary



Erosion	The wearing away of soil and/or rock by wind, water, temperature change, or gravity
Fossil	The remains or evidence of past life usually found in sedimentary rocks
Geologist	A person who studies geology.
Geology	The study of the earth including its structure, rocks, and minerals.
Igneous rock	Rocks formed by the cooling of molten rock at or below the surface.
Magma	Melted rock material that forms deep within Earth.
Magnetism	A magnet's property of attracting certain materials, mainly iron and steel.
Metamorphic Rock	Rocks formed when existing rocks are changed by heat, pressure, or chemical reactions.
Rock	A solid material that is made up of one or more minerals and that may be used for its properties.
Sedimentary Rock	Rocks formed by particles of other rocks or the remains of plants and animals pressed and cemented together.

Note: In Fourth Grade, the focus is now on the rocks and formations and the processes on how they are formed. The rock cycle itself is not the main focus of this grade.