

Minerals

Vzdelávací modul **Minerals** sa skladá z dvoch základných častí: základy mineralógie a interaktívny modul, prostredníctvom ktorého je možné vytvoriť minerál. Minerál alebo nerast je substancia (prvok alebo chemická zlúčenina), ktorá je za normálnych podmienok kryštalická, prirodzene sa vyskytuje v prírode a má rovnomerné chemické zloženie (môže sa však v rámci istých medzí meniť) a rovnomerné fyzikálne vlastnosti v ľubovoľnej časti (rovnomernú štruktúru aj na mikroskopickú úroveň).


Pomocou vzdelávacieho modulu **Minerals** je možné pochopiť stavbu jednotlivých chemických prvkov, štruktúru chemických zlúčenín i samotnú podstatu vzniku a vlastností jednotlivých minerálov.

Na nasledujúcich printscreenoch sa nachádzajú ukážky zo vzdelávacieho modulu **Minerals**.

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Minerals Introduction

Calcite crystals
(CaCO_3)



Instructions
This module has two modes: an Overview that takes you through some of the fundamentals of minerals and an Interactive Model that allows you to build your own virtual minerals. Click the Overview button to enter Overview mode, or if you are very adventurous click the Model button and go straight to the Mineral Factory.

What Are Minerals?
Minerals are naturally occurring substances with a definable chemical composition whose atoms are arranged in an orderly, three-dimensional structure. That is, one chunk of a particular

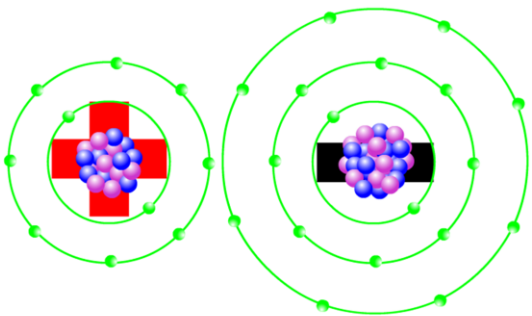
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Sodium (Na)
Atomic No. = 11

Chlorine (Cl)
Atomic No. = 17

Positive Ion Negative Ion



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Bond Type Ionic

Ionic Bonding
How an atom achieves an octet depends on the number of electrons in its outermost energy level. If it has only one or two electrons in the outermost energy level, it makes more sense to give them away, emptying that energy level and turning the underlying, completely filled energy level into the outermost level. This type of atom has a strong tendency to lose electrons and become a positively charged ion. If an atom has six or seven electrons in its outermost energy level, it will be easier to accept new electrons and fill that level. This type of atom has a strong tendency to gain

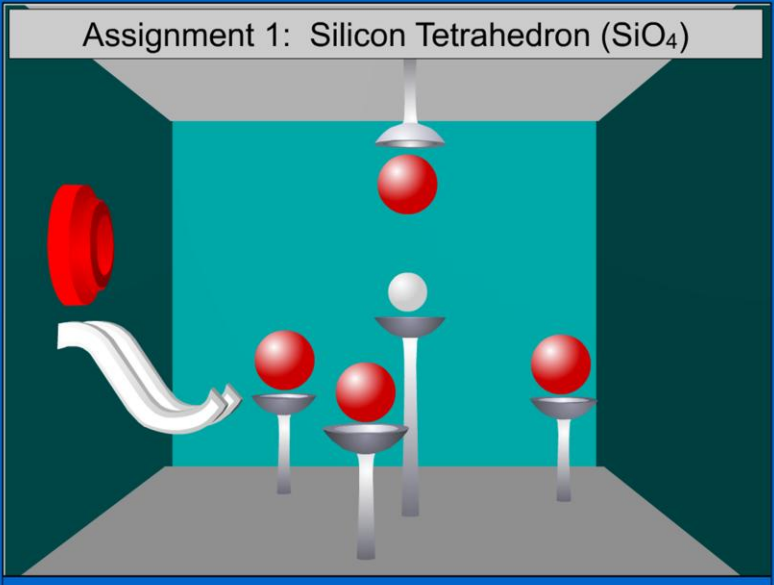
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Minerals Mineral Factory

Assignment 1: Silicon Tetrahedron (SiO_4)



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Your first assignment is to build a *silica tetrahedron*, the building block of all silicate minerals.

Click the "O" (oxygen) or "Si" (silicon) button to roll an atom into the chute. Next, drag atoms one at a time from the chute and assemble them on their stands to arrange the atoms into a tetrahedron. Try to work your way through the model from memory, but if you get stuck you can go back through the module and look up the Silicate Minerals (Overview 5) section to see the structure of the silica tetrahedron that you are trying to build. When you are done

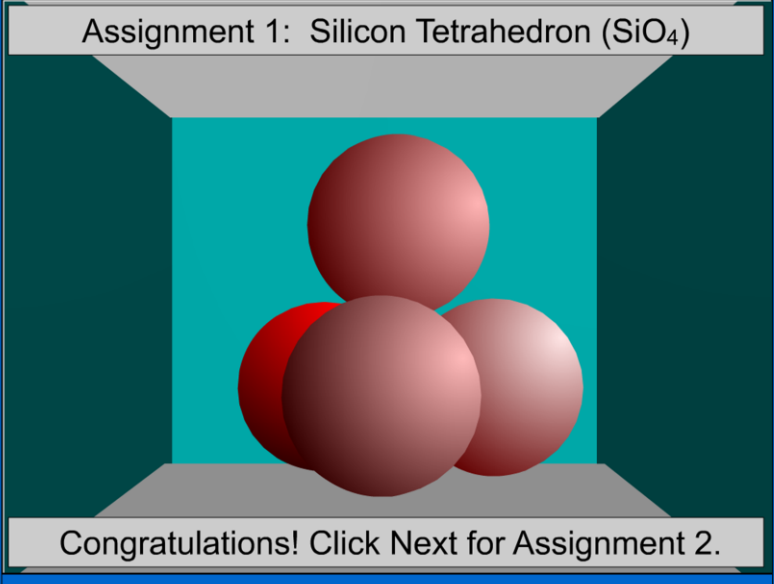
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