

REVIEW AND REINFORCEMENT GUIDE
CHAPTER 4 ■ *Rocks and Minerals*

SECTION

4-1 What Is a Mineral?

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KEY CONCEPTS

▲ A mineral is a naturally occurring, inorganic solid that has a definite chemical composition and crystal structure.

▲ Minerals have certain physical properties that can be used to identify them.

■ **Building Vocabulary Skills: Describing Minerals**

Explain how each of the following terms describes a mineral.

1. Inorganic

2. Crystal

3. Luster

4. Hardness

5. Streak

6. Density

7. Cleavage

8. Fracture
