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Shimmer and Shine: How Minerals and Gems Brighten Our Everyday Life

Short Answer Key

1. Phosphate and potassium are used in agriculture.
2. Reflective road signs and lane markings enhance safety by improving visibility for drivers, especially at night.
3. Talc is used in household products such as baby powder and cosmetics to provide a soft, silky texture.
4. Aluminum is used in transportation for its lightweight properties, reducing fuel consumption and improving efficiency.
5. Rare earth elements are important for wind turbines and electric vehicles because they are used in magnets and batteries, respectively, enhancing their performance.

