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Unearthing the Mysteries of Minerals and Gems

Short Answer

1. Explain the criteria that must be met for a substance to be considered a mineral.

2. Name one example of a silicate mineral and describe its significance.

3. What are some of the exceptional qualities that make a mineral a gemstone?

4. Describe the process of mining gemstones and mention one challenge associated with it.

5. Provide an example of how gems are used in technology or medicine.

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