

Minerals Match

Do you know how much we rely on minerals? Here's a list of some minerals and other earth materials that Americans use every day, along with some of their uses. Match each of the minerals with the description of how it's used by writing the letter of the mineral in the space next to its description.

Quartz **A**
 Gold **B**
 Silver **C**
 Iron **D**
 Coal **E**
 Sand & gravel **F**
 Phosphates **G**
 Copper **H**
 Oil & gas **I**
 Lead **J**

1. This mineral is burned in power plants to produce most of our country's electricity. ____
2. Flexible and shiny, this mineral makes good gutters, pipes, and electrical wiring. ____
3. Rings, earrings, watches—many kinds of jewelry are made from this shiny metal. ____
4. Used to manufacture steel, this mineral is also found in nails, magnets, and medicines. ____
5. This mineral is used in car batteries and ammunition. ____
6. These minerals contain phosphorus and are used in fertilizer and food for livestock. ____
7. This mineral often occurs in the form of crystals. It comes in many colors and is used to make watches and glass. ____
8. Millions of tons of these materials are used in construction projects. ____
9. You'll find this versatile mineral in coins, film, mirrors, and jewelry. ____
10. These two fossil fuels are often found together in deposits underground. ____

