

PRACTICAL ROCK TEST CHEAT SHEET

IF THE ROCK HAS CRYSTALS

Igneous	Crystals are scattered at random
Sedimentary	Crystals all appear to originate from the same spot and go in the same direction.
Metamorphic	Crystals are in bands or layers, and the rock glistens.

IF THE ROCK DOESN'T HAVE CRYSTALS

Igneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The rock is one color and shows no details - boring.• The rock has a very unusual shape or surface.• The rock has holes.
Sedimentary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The rock has layers.• The rock has fossils.• You can see the materials that make up the rock - stones, sand grains, etc.• The rock shows a feature you would find on the Earth's surface - i.e. ripple marks.
Metamorphic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The rock has a sheen to it.