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Week 3 – Gems & Minerals

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Word List

Voice: Male

1. Amber
2. Onyx
3. Pearl
4. Nickel
5. Obsidian

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Welcome to today's short passage.

Short Passage

Voice: Female, Accent

There are three different types of rocks based on the way they form, igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic.

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Long Passage

Voice: Female

Topaz is a well-known mineral, occurring in large and beautifully shaped and colored crystals. It naturally occurs in many colors, but rarely in pink, purple, and deep blue. Those colors are formed from lighter-colored stones that undergo irradiation and heat treatment. Topaz from certain localities may also turn pink or colorless upon heating. The colors of some Topaz specimens, namely those from Siberia, fade upon prolonged exposure to light.

Topaz is a fairly common and inexpensive gemstone. It can be found in huge and flawless crystals, which can be faceted into giant gemstones which can weigh thousands of carats. Some of the largest gemstone pieces ever cut were of Topaz. Topaz is a hard and durable gemstone, and will not dissolve in most chemical solvents. However, it does have perfect cleavage which can make it prone to chipping. Topaz is also a pleochroic gemstone and can have varied color intensity when viewed at different angles. Blue Topaz does occur in nature, but is rare and almost always lightly color.

Most if not all blue Topaz used in jewelry has been irradiated and heat treated to artificially create the blue color. The original stones are colorless or lightly colored, and the radiation process gives them their deep sky-blue colors. In a few rare circumstances,



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some forms of blue Topaz tend to slightly fade in exposure to sunlight after extended periods of time.

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