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Week 3 – Gems & Minerals

Welcome to today's word list.

Word List

Voice: Male

1. Bronze
2. Iron
3. Moonstone
4. Titanium
5. Agate

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Welcome to today's short passage.

Short Passage

Voice: Female, Accent

Mohs scale of hardness measures the ability of minerals to scratch each other. Talc is very soft and is listed as a 1, diamond is very hard and is measured as a 10.

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Welcome to today's long passage.

Long Passage

Voice: Female

The color of Ruby ranges from bright red to dark reddish-brown. The most preferred color is a deep blood red with a slightly bluish hue. Such Ruby is known as "Burmese Ruby" or "Pigeon's Blood Ruby". Ruby from Burma is famous for its exceptional coloring, and has traditionally produced the finest Rubies. However, Burmese Ruby rarely exceeds several carats; large flawless Burmese Rubies can be worth millions of dollars. Many Rubies on the market are from Thailand, and these Rubies have a less-desirable brownish hue, though they often can be heat treated to improve color. Heat-treating a Ruby can also increase its transparency by removing tiny internal flaws.

Inclusions of tiny, slender, parallel Rutile needles in Ruby cause a polished gem to exhibit asterism. A Ruby displaying asterism is known as a "Star Ruby", and if transparent can be very highly prized. Star Rubies exist in six ray stars, though twelve ray stars are also known. Rubies must have good transparency to possess gem value. Opaque or semi-opaque Rubies have relatively little value, even if they display asterism.

Ruby is a tough and durable gem, and the only natural gemstone harder than Ruby is Diamond. Despite this, Ruby is still subject to chipping and fracture if handled roughly, and care should be taken to ensure it is properly handled. Ruby was first synthesized in



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1902. The process of creating synthetic Ruby is known as the Verneuil process. Only experts can distinguish between natural and synthetic, lab-created Ruby.

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