

## Reading Tip

Read a paragraph containing a vocabulary word from beginning to end. Then, go back to determine the meaning of the word.

### Target Your Reading

Use this to focus on the main ideas as you read the chapter.

- 1 Before you read** the chapter, respond to the statements below on your worksheet or on a numbered sheet of paper.
  - Write an **A** if you **agree** with the statement.
  - Write a **D** if you **disagree** with the statement.
- 2 After you read** the chapter, look back to this page to see if you've changed your mind about any of the statements.
  - If any of your answers changed, explain why.
  - Change any false statements into true statements.
  - Use your revised statements as a study guide.

Before You Read A or D	Statement	After You Read A or D
	<b>1</b> All minerals are solids, but not all solids are minerals.	
	<b>2</b> The word <i>crystalline</i> means that atoms are arranged in a repeating pattern.	
	<b>3</b> The two most abundant elements in Earth's crust are silicon and carbon.	
	<b>4</b> Like vitamins, minerals are organic substances, which means they contain carbon.	
	<b>5</b> Color is always the best physical property to use when attempting to identify minerals.	
	<b>6</b> A mineral's hardness is a measure of how easily it can be scratched.	
	<b>7</b> Most gems or gemstones are special varieties of particular minerals.	
	<b>8</b> Synthetic, or human-made, diamonds are minerals.	
	<b>9</b> A mineral or rock is called an ore only if it contains a substance that can be mined for a profit.	