



**Rocks and Soils Award**

There are hundreds of different types of rocks and soils, so it's helpful to group them. Because there are so many, using a classification key is a useful way to identify them.

**Classification Key:**

- If solid: Crystalline (Granite, Metamorphic, Igneous, Magma)
- If soft: Sedimentary (Sandstone, Limestone, Shale)
- If it's a block: Is it a block? → If Yes: Does it have layers? → If Yes: Is it a rock? → If Yes: Does it fizz with vinegar? → If Yes: Metal, wood, ice. If No: Sand. If No: Limestone. If No: Shale.
- If it's not a block: Does it sink? → If Yes: Pinch → If No: Start.

1 got their FIRST certificate!!!

2 got their SECOND certificate!!!

### Separating Materials Award

To separate soluble materials (ones that dissolve) such as salt from water we need **evaporation**. Water turns to vapour (gas) leaving behind just the salt.

If the material is insoluble such as sand, we can use **filtration**. Large mesh sieves trap larger objects, letting smaller ones fall through.

Magnets can also be used to separate magnetic materials such as iron and steel.

### Properties of Materials Award

There are lots of words we can use to describe a material, here are just a few...

Permeable: Liquid can pass through	Conductive: To let something pass	Transparent: Light will pass through clearly (glass)	Magnetic: To attract metal passing through
Impenetrable: Liquid can't pass through	Insulator: To stop something passing through	Harmful: Light can't pass through	Non-magnetic: Not attracted to metal
Waterproof: Water can't pass through	Flexible: Can bend	Opaque: Means no light will pass through (brick)	Concave: Curved outwards
Water-absorbent: Water gets absorbed	Brittle: Breaks easily	Conductive: Light will pass through (metal)	Convex: Curved inwards
Hydrophilic: Attracts water	Stiff: Doesn't bend	Translucent: Light will pass through but the image will not be clear (paper)	Concave: Curved inwards
Hydrophobic: Repels water	Soft: Easy to bend	Opaque means no light will pass through (brick)	Concave: Curved inwards
Water-repellent: Water beads off	Hard: Difficult to bend	Translucent: Light will pass through (plastic)	Concave: Curved inwards
Water-reabsorbent: Water gets absorbed	Strong: Difficult to break	Transparent: Light will pass through (glass)	Concave: Curved inwards

3 got their THIRD certificate!!!

6 got their SIXTH certificate!!!

7 got their SEVENTH certificate!!!

### Magnets Award

Magnets have 2 poles (ends) known as north and south. They colours (for example red is north, south is white).

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5 got their FIFTH certificate!!!

8 got their EIGHTH certificate!!!

9 got their NINTH certificate!!!

10 got their TENTH certificate!!!

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