

Mohs Rock-Hardness Scale

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Tale rubs off with your fingers.....
And Gypsum is scratched with a fingernail.
Calcite is scratched with a penny.....
But Fluorite must be scratched with a nail...

And we are learning.....
The MOHS ROCK-HARDNESS SCALE.
And it is plain to see..... that...

Apatite is harder than Fluorite,
But also must scratched with a nail.....
Feldspar can be scratched with a file.....
And Quartz can scratch some glass so pale..

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The MOHS ROCK HARDNESS SCALE
And it is plain to see..... that....

Topaz scratches Quartz.....
Corundum scratches unglazed tile.....
Diamonds are the hardest...
And we can now rest for awhile.....
For we have learned.....
The MOHS ROCK HARDNESS SCALE.
From softest to the hardest it goes.....

TALC...GYPSUM...CALCITE...FLUORITE.....
APATITE.....FELDSPAR...AND QUARTZ....
TOPAZ.....CORUNDUM AND DIAMONDS.....
THEY ARE THE HARDEST ONES OF COURSE....
SO WE'VE ALL LEARNED.....
THE MOHS ROCK-HARDNESS SCALE....
SO IF YOU WANT TO GIVE ME A ROCK, PLEASE MAKE IT A DIAMOND!!!