

## Mining

\_\_\_\_\_, such as minerals, fresh water and forests are found naturally in the environment and are essential for a country's economic development. Their exploitation depends on three factors:

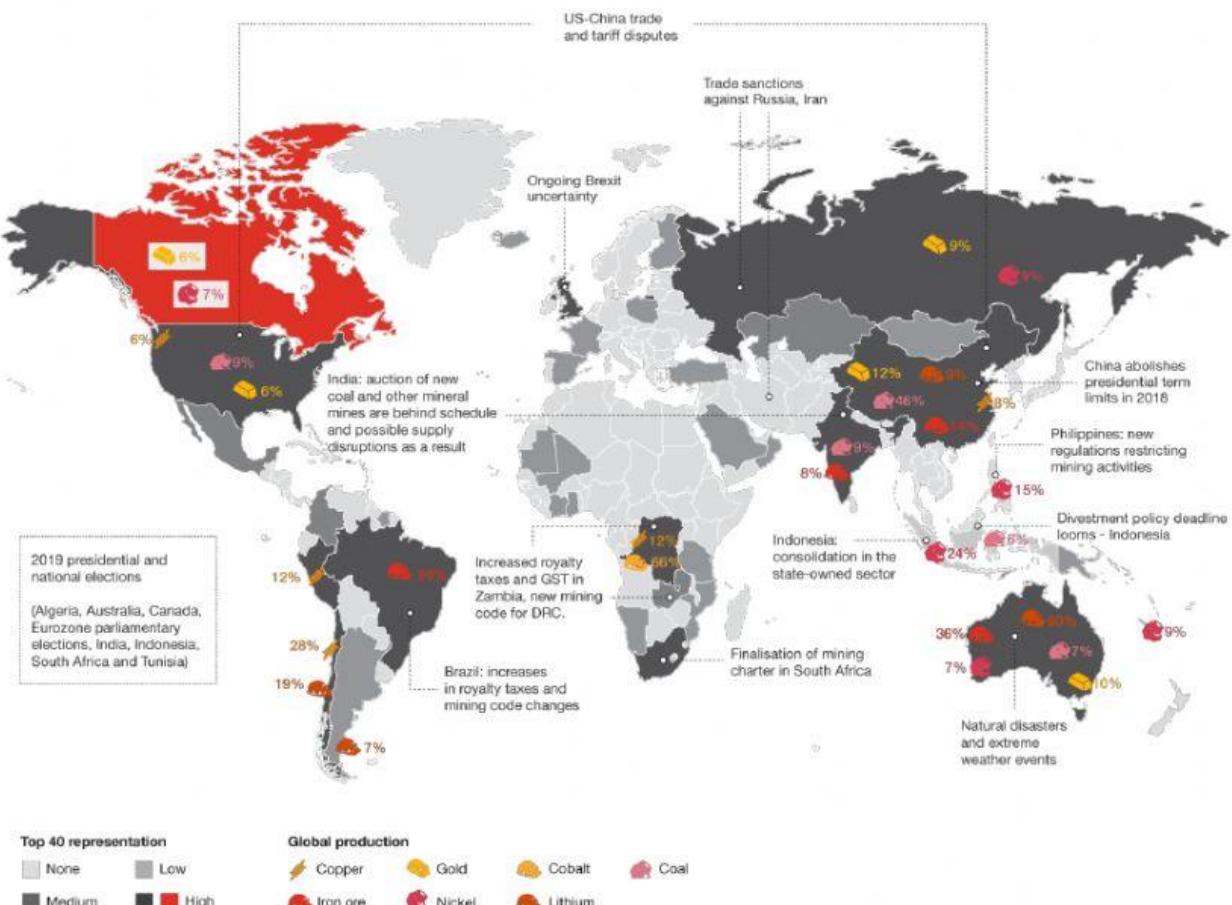
\_\_\_\_\_. This makes it possible to obtain natural resources in various ways and from distinct locations.

\_\_\_\_\_. An unprofitable resource may become profitable if demand increases. However, the opposite is also true.

\_\_\_\_\_. The benefits from a resource must be greater than the cost of its exploitation. New extraction techniques can lower costs.

Minerals are a natural resource. A \_\_\_\_\_ is an inorganic natural substance, with a specific chemical composition and is found in the Earth's crust. \_\_\_\_\_ are high concentrations of minerals in a particular area.

\_\_\_\_\_ refers to the different activities involved in extracting minerals from their deposits. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ - sector activity because products are obtained from nature.



1. According to this picture, what mineral was 6% of global production in Canada in 2019? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What mineral was 9% of global production in the United States?  
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3. What percentage of global production was Iron ore in Brazil?  
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4. Which country was behind schedule in auctioning new coal and other mineral mines? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which country introduced new regulations restricting mining activities?  
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