R5. EX 4. Đọc các bài đọc sau đây và trả lời câu hỏi.

A

Minerals

Minerals are natural elements. They are crystals that have a chemical basis. The design and order of the crystals determine the mineral's characteristics. There are over 4,000 kinds of minerals. We use some of them for many things. They are important for building things like houses or TV sets, but we also need some in our diet in order to live. Some common minerals are salt, calcium, diamonds and silver. We get minerals by mining. Many different minerals are mined all over the world. Some are very rare and valuable, but others are quite common.

1. Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the first highlighted sentence in the passage?
   A. The minerals are similar to crystals when shaped in a pattern.
   B. Mineral's properties depend on their shape and pattern.
   C. Shaped minerals have a pattern similar to crystals.
   D. Minerals and crystals have similar characteristics.

2. Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the second highlighted sentence in the passage?
   A. We eat some minerals, and we use others to build things.
   B. We use only a few kinds of minerals.
   C. We do not have many uses for minerals.
   D. Minerals were used in the past to build houses.

B

Volcanoes

A volcano is a place on the earth's surface where magma comes through a crack in the earth's crust. Volcanoes are usually mountain-like structures with a crater at the top. Magma is extremely hot, molten rock that comes from the earth's core. At times, underground pressure becomes very great, so magma explodes out of the volcano with a lot of smoke. When the magma erupts, it is called lava. It can be thick and slow-moving or thin and fast-moving. This causes great destruction to anything near the mountain. But volcanoes are not just destructive; in the oceans, they can form islands as the magma cools into hard rock.

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