

## Reading Selection

### Sulfur

Have you ever smelled a rotten egg? When sulfur burns, it smells just like a rotten egg. In fact, rotten eggs have that smell because eggs contain sulfur! We need minerals such as sulfur in our food. It helps change food into energy and helps bones grow. When you eat eggs, onions, or cabbage, you are taking in sulfur. Where else do you think you might have smelled sulfur? When you watch fireworks on the Fourth of July, what do you think you are smelling? It's sulfur!

Sulfur is also used for making gunpowder, fertilizers, dynamite, and match heads. It's an important ingredient in many medicines. Did you know that sulfur was used during the Civil War and World War I to prevent wound infections?

Sulfur is found in many places. You can find sulfur crystals in some of the igneous rocks that form when volcanoes erupt. Sulfur is also found in limestone.

Which of your minerals do you think is sulfur?



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mineral Profile Sheet

<b>Mineral</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Feel</b>
	<b>Smell</b>
<b>Streak color</b>	<b>Luster</b>
<b>Light</b>	<b>Magnetism</b>
<b>Hardness</b>	<b>Shape</b>