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The Rock Hound

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- Ⓐ to help identify the rocks
- Ⓑ to look at rock pictures
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- Ⓐ There are no active volcanoes near him.
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- Ⓒ There are no mountains near him.
- Ⓓ The rock is rare everywhere.

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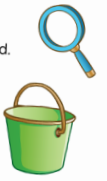
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