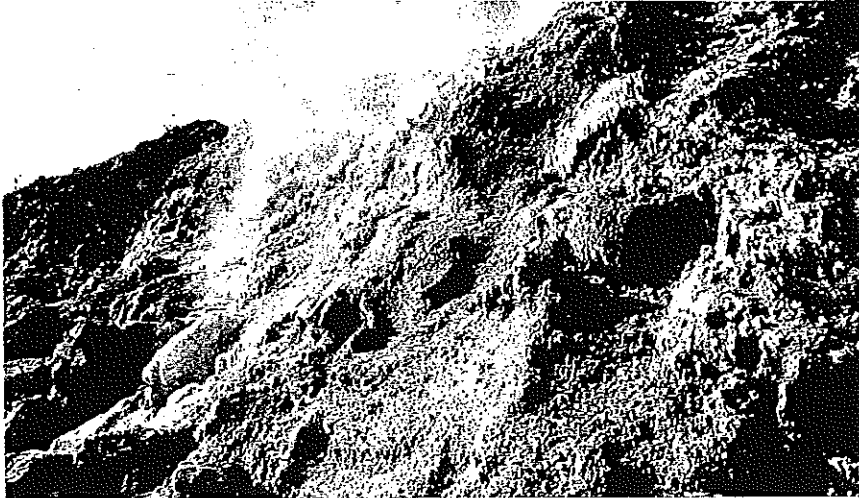


Ores



Sulfur

Some rocks are called **ores**. Ores are minerals or rocks with enough metals in them to make them worth mining. Most ores are found in beds with rocks of little value. Ore beds close to the surface are easy to mine. But others are deep within the ground.

Some ores contain metals like iron and copper. Metals are usually shiny substances. They can transfer heat and electricity. Some metals can be pounded flat or pulled into wires without breaking. Lead, gold, and aluminum are metals found in ores.

Metal ores are important because so many products are made from them. From gold, we make jewelry and fillings for teeth. Lead is used to make pipe, and copper is used to make wire. Aluminum is used to make airplanes, cans, foil, cooking pots, and motors. Iron is used to make steel.

Some ores contain minerals like sulfur and graphite. Sulfur is important because it is used in making medicines and fertilizers. Graphite, a form of carbon, is the "lead" in most pencils.

Underline the correct words.

1. Many (products, minerals) are made from metal ores.
2. Some ores contain (metals, medicines) like iron and copper.