



The Precious

White Metal



We are going to learn about silver.



Warm-up

2 min



Which one of these two cars do you like better? Why?

**Reading****3** min

Read with the teacher and then answer the question below.

Silver has long been a valuable metal, yet it is less expensive than gold, because it is more abundant. Pure silver is soft and its color is a shiny mixture of white and grey.



What color is pure silver?

To be continued... >>

**Reading****3** min

Read with the teacher and then answer the questions below.

People dig in underground mines to find silver, but they usually find it mixed with gold. As of 2012, **Mexico** was the world's top producer of silver, closely followed by China.



Where is Mexico?

As of 2012, who was the world's second largest producer of silver?

To be continued... >>

**Reading****4** min

Read with the teacher and then move to the Word Focus.

People have used silver for thousands of years as **currency**. Silver is also used to make shiny jewelry and **silverware**. Nowadays, silver has more and more technical uses, such as in water **purification** systems.

**Word Focus**

- In a country like India, this water **purification** system can help to make water cleaner and safer to drink.
- Which metal can be used for water **purification**?



To be continued... >>



Reading

4 min

Read with the teacher and then move to the Grammar Focus.

Silver is the most popular color for cars, probably because silver **represents** safety in many cultures. A silver medal is often awarded to a person who comes in **second** place for a race or competition.



Grammar Focus

- **second**: ordinal number of “two”. We use ordinal numbers to talk about the “order” of things or to define a thing’s position in a series.
- For most ordinal numbers, the ending “-th” is used, but there are exceptions. e.g. one-first; two-second; three-third.

Let's practice. >>

**Task****4**

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Fill in the blanks and retell the main facts about silver.

What is it?



_____ has long been valued as a precious metal, yet it is less expensive than gold, because it is more _____.

How is it used?



People have used silver for thousands of years to make _____, as well as shiny jewelry and _____.

What does it represent?



Silver is the most popular _____ for cars, probably because silver _____ safety in many cultures.

Word Bank
represents
color
abundant
currency
silverware
silver

More challenges! >>



Leadership

4 min

Discuss with the teacher.

Q1. Which one is more expensive, gold or silver?

Q2. In your opinion, which one is more useful, gold or silver? Why?



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In this lesson, we...



learned about silver.



learned new words.

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