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无忧英语

One of a Kind Metal

We are going to learn about platinum.

**Warm-up****2** min

What's the best color for a bank card? Why?



**Reading****3** min

Read with the teacher and then answer the question below.

Platinum is considered a **precious metal**, although its use is not as common as other precious metals, like gold and silver. It is sometimes mistaken for silver, as they look alike.



silver bars



How are platinum and silver alike?

To be continued... >>

**Reading****3** min

Read with the teacher and then answer the questions below.

The places where platinum can be mined are rare and difficult to locate. As of 2005, **South Africa** was the world's top producer of platinum.



Where is South Africa?

If you visited South Africa, do you think you would find platinum?

To be continued... >>



Reading 4 min

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

Almost a half of the world's platinum is used to make some very important car parts that help to reduce air **pollution**, while another third of the world's platinum is used for jewelry.



Word Focus

- Air **pollution** is extremely harmful to our health.
- Is there a lot of air **pollution** in your city?

To be continued... >>



Reading

4 min

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

Platinum's rarity as a metal has led people to associate it with **value** and exclusivity. "Platinum" **awards** and "platinum" bank cards are seen as a higher rank than "gold" or "silver", but lower than "diamond".



Word Focus

- This singer has won many gold and platinum **awards**.
- Have you ever won an **award**?

One of Michael Jackson's Platinum Awards



Let's practice. >>

Task **4** min

Please summarize the lesson using the scheme below.

What is it?

Where is it found?

How is it used?

What does it mean?



platinum, precious,
metal, silver, white,
gray, shiny

rare, difficult, find,
2005, South Africa,
world, producer

half, car, parts,
reduce, pollution,
third, jewelry

value, gold, silver,
diamond, bank card,
award

More challenges! >>



Leadership

4 min

Discuss with the teacher.

What would you do if someone gave you a platinum bar?

Sell it and travel the world.

Make jewelry for the whole family.

Something else.

Keep it somewhere safe.

Sell it and donate all the money for the poor children.

**Wrap-up****1** min**In this lesson, we...****learned about platinum.****learned new words/phrases.**☐ platinum☐ precious metal☐ South Africa☐ pollution☐ value☐ award