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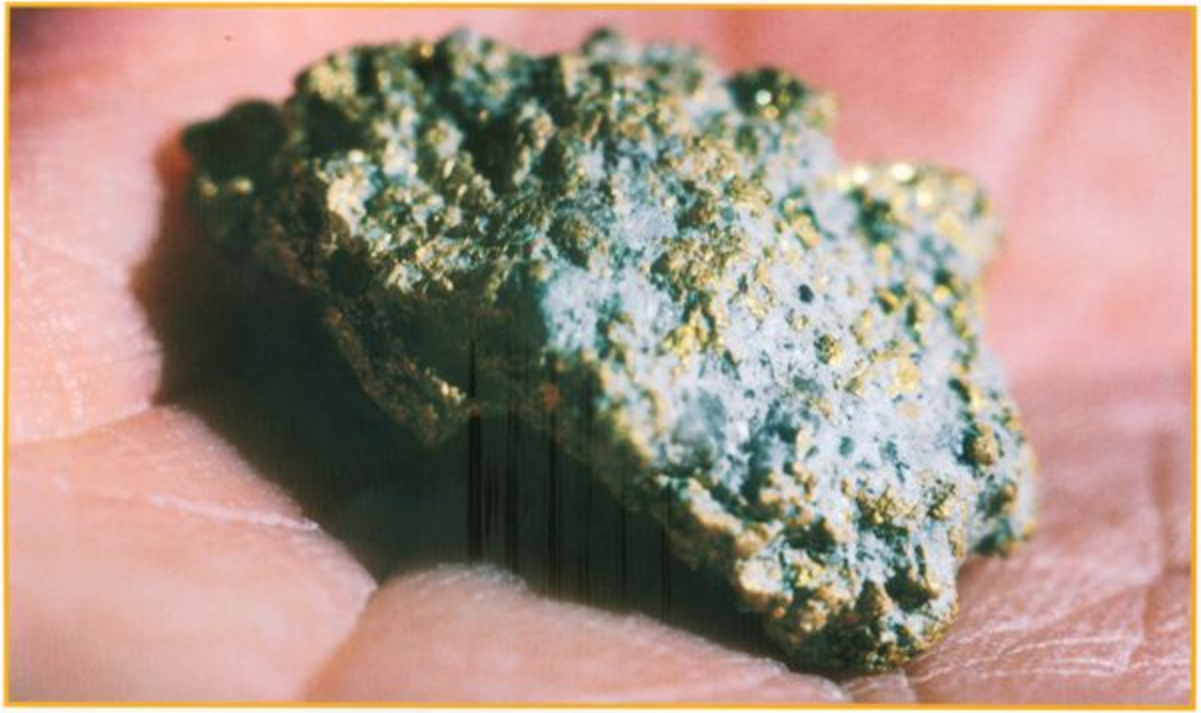
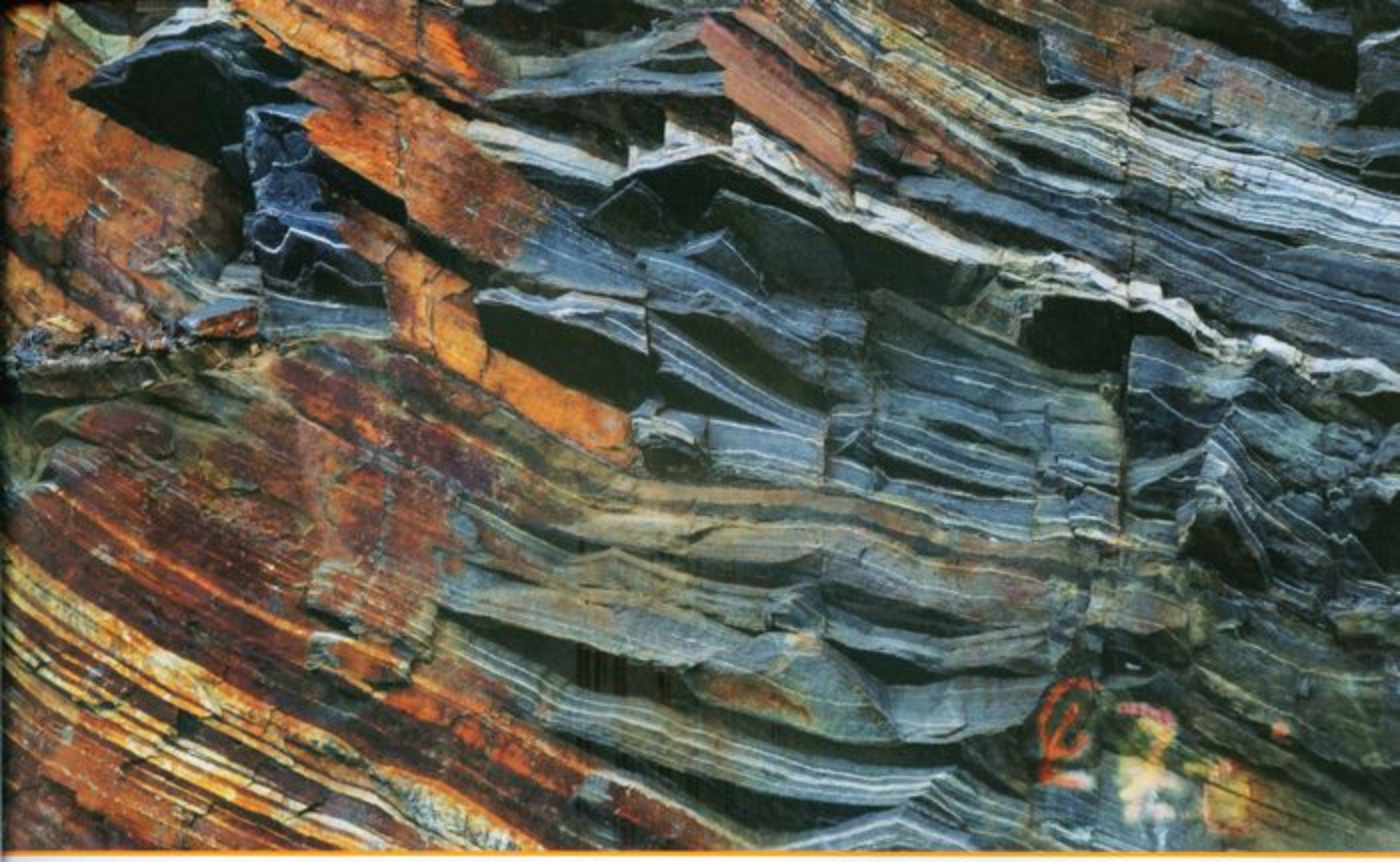


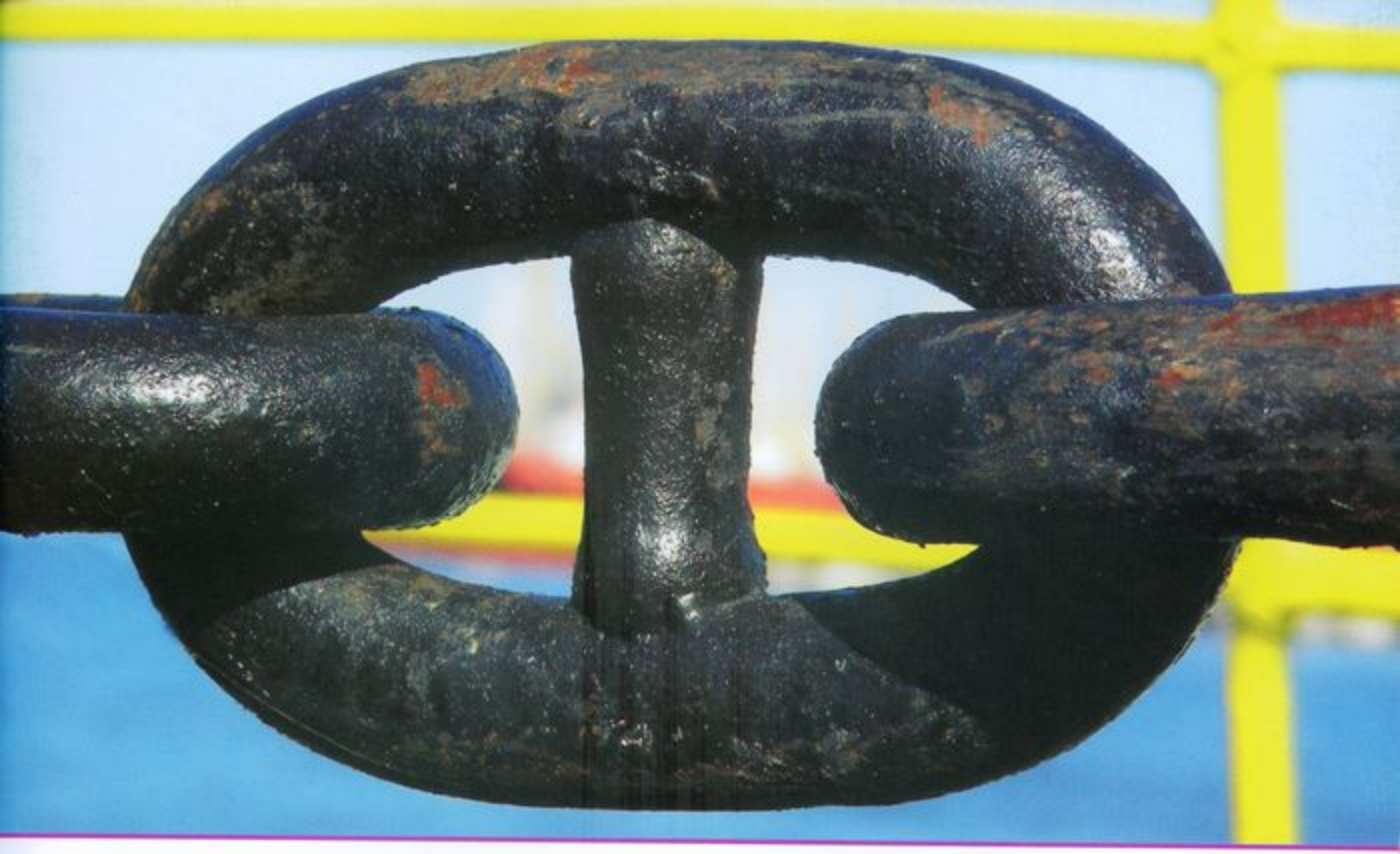
Metal is a material.

It is found in the world around us.



Metal is in rocks.

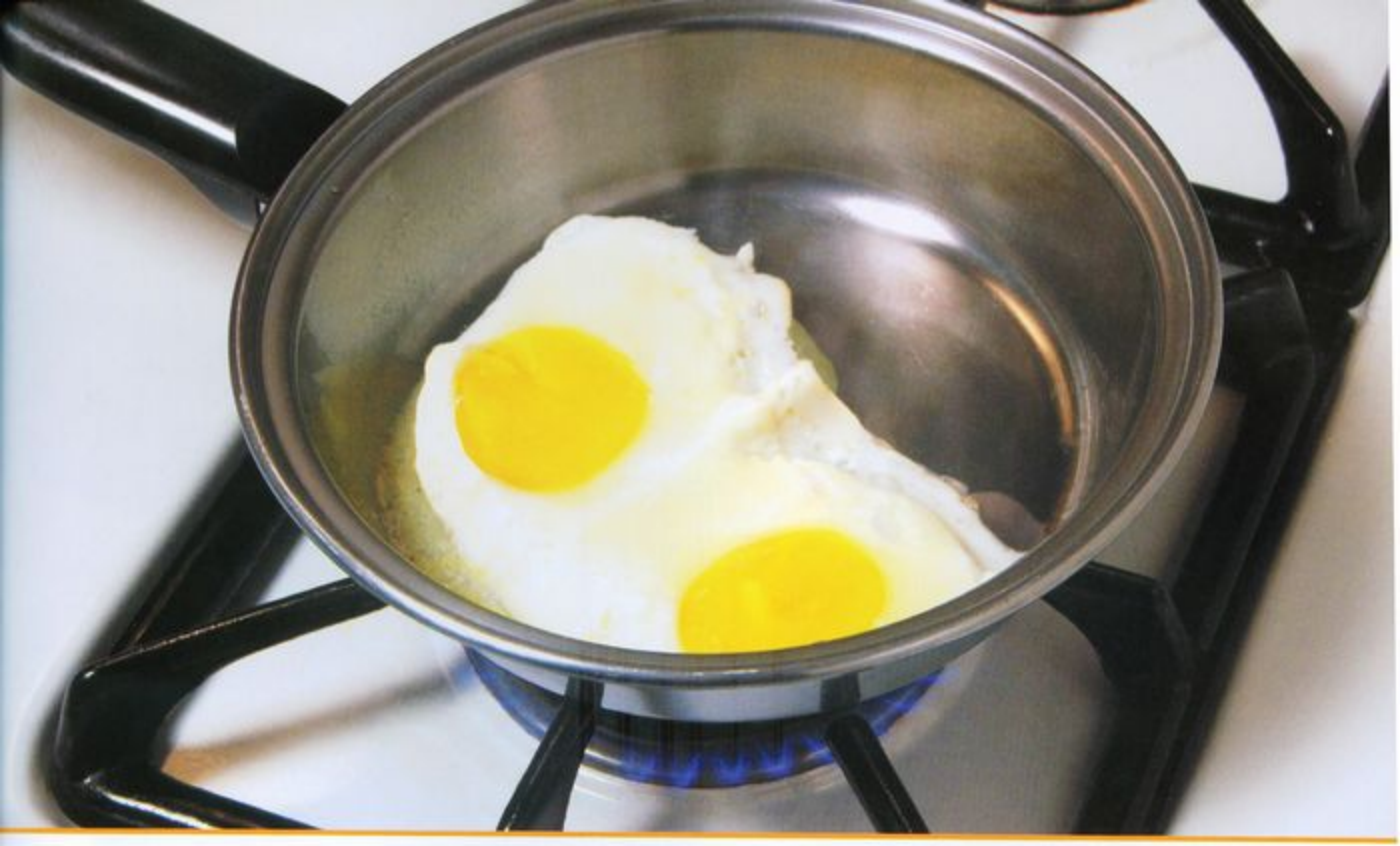

Metal can be strong.



Metal can be stiff.

# What can metal do?

Metal can be made cold.

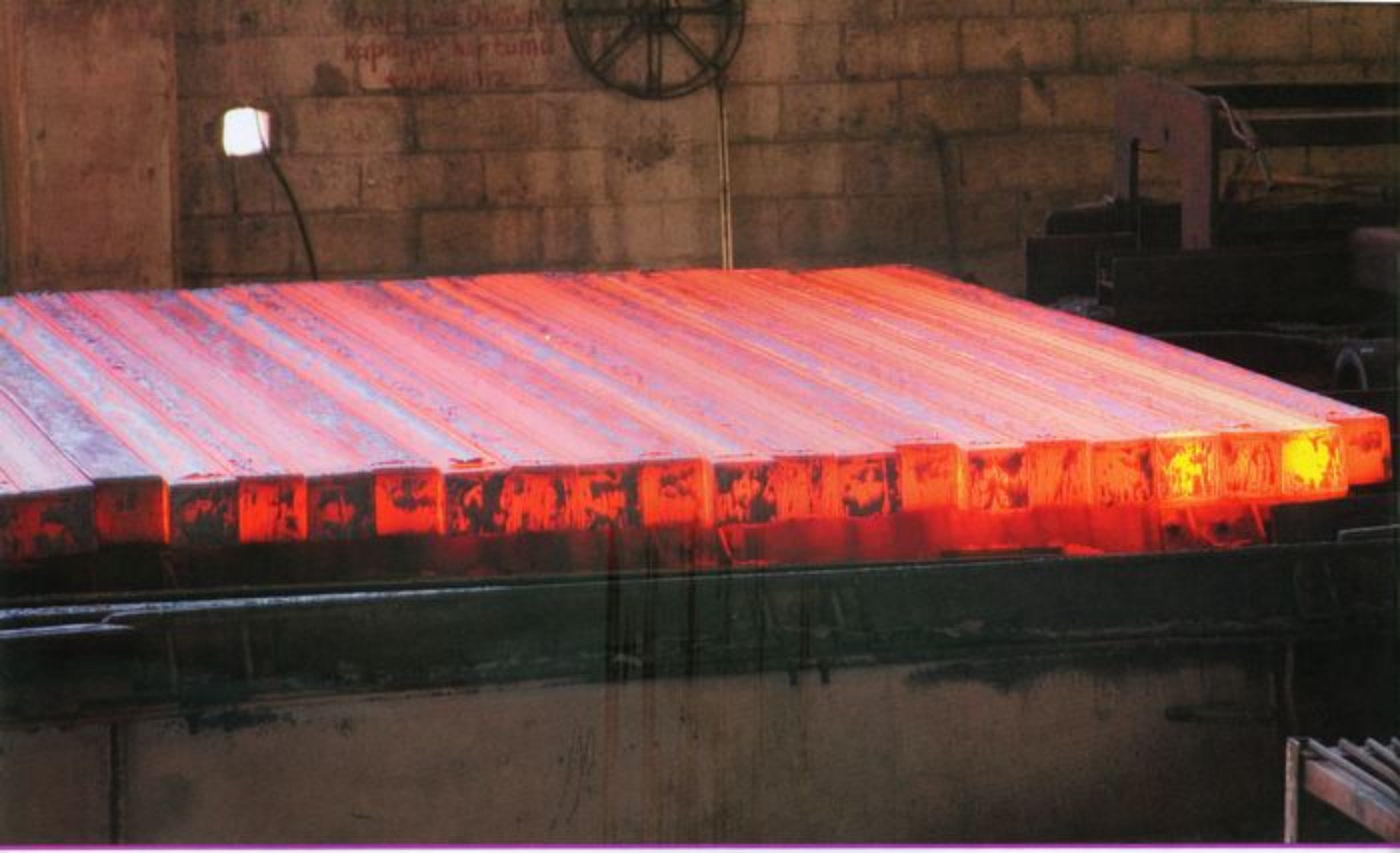


Metal can be made hot.

# What happens when metal is heated?

Metal can be heated.

Metal melts when it is very hot.



When metal is heated, it can be made into a new shape.

After it is heated, metal can cool down again.

# Recycling metal

Metal can be recycled.

It can be used to make new metal things.

Metal can be used to make cars.

Metal can be used to make cans.

# How do people use metal?

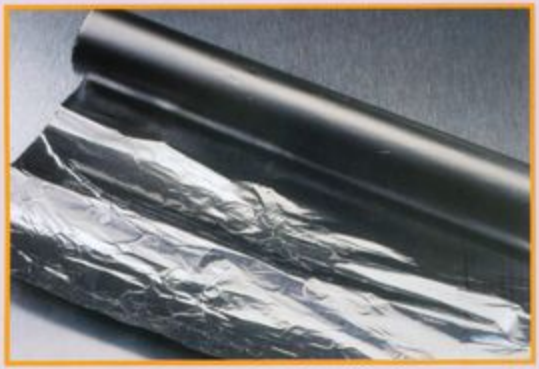
Metal can be used to build.

Metal can be used to make pots and pans.


Lots of food comes in metal cans.

Metal can be used to make lots of things.

# Things made of metal



◀ tin foil

▲ ice cube trays

▲ pots and pans

# Picture glossary

**melt** change from a solid into a liquid. Metal is a material that melts when it is heated.

**recycle** take old things to make them into new things

# Content vocabulary for teachers

**natural material** material from plants, animals, or within the earth that can be used by people

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**Notes for parents and teachers**

**Before reading** Put items made of materials such as wood, plastic, metal, and rubber in a closed bag. Challenge the children to feel in the bag and, without looking, identify the object made of metal. What did it feel like? Was it cold to touch? Was it heavy? Talk about the properties of metal.

**After reading**

- Show the children some lengths of metal and wood. Then put both in a fridge. Ask the children to predict how the materials will feel after they have been in the fridge for one hour. After an hour, take out the metal and the wood and encourage the children to talk about how they feel. Then put the metal and the wood on a window sill in the sun. After a while pass around the wood and the metal. Talk about which is warmer.
- Scatter some paperclips on to a piece of card. Move a magnet around under the card and watch the paperclips move. Talk about how some metal is magnetic.

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