

GEOGRAPHIC ORIGINS

Many crystals and gemstones are named after their places of discovery — often cities, mountains, rivers, or countries.

100 crystals, minerals, and gemstones whose names originate from their geographical locations, along with short explanations of their origins.



- General Minss)



Dennantoid
(from "Miras Uerriais" whers first found)

100 Crystals Named After Their Places of Origin

No.	Crystal / Mineral Name	Place of Origin	Country / Region	Meaning of Name
1	Alexandrite	Near Tokovaya River	Russia	Named after Tsar Alexander II
2	Andalusite	Andalusia	Spain	Named after Andalusia province
3	Amazonite	Amazon River	South America	Named after the Amazon River
4	Aragonite	Aragon	Spain	Named after the region of Aragon
5	Apatite (Asparagus stone)	Apatite Hill	Germany	Found near Mount Apatite



Ural Mountains,
(Uralians)



L (The discovery)



Wulfenite
Found near Mount Apatite



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6 **Axinite**

Ax-les-Thermes

France

Named after the French locality

Amethyst
(hem "Mdao Mentais" - General Minss)



Uranian
(from "Uranos" - sky)

7 **Azurite**

Azur region

Persia (Iran)

Refers to the blue color from region

8 **Benitoite**

San Benito County

USA (California)

Named after the county

9 **Brookite**

Snowdon (Brook's discovery)

Wales

Named after mineralogist Brook

10 **Bytownite**

Bytown (Ottawa)

Canada

Named after old name of Ottawa

11 **Carnelian (Cornelian)**

Cornel River

India

From the ancient name of the river

12 **Celestine**

Sicily (Celeste = heaven)

Italy

Found in Sicilian mountains

13 **Chalcedony**

Chalcedon

Turkey

Named after ancient city Chalcedon



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14 Chrysoprase

Prasium mines

Greece

Green variety from Greek mines



Amethyst

(from "Midas Mountains" - General Miniss)

15 Clinohumite

Mount Vesuvius

Italy

Found near Vesuvius volcanic area



Demantoid

(from "Midas Mountains" - General Miniss)

16 Clevelandite

Cleveland, Maine

USA

Locality name origin

17 Cummingtonite

Cummington, Massachusetts

USA

Named after its town of discovery

18 Danburite

Danbury, Connecticut

USA

Named after the town

19 Datolite

Datus Lake Norway

Norway

From location near the lake

20 Dolomite

Dolomite Alps

Italy

Named after Dolomite Mountains



Ural Mountains, (from "Midas Mountains" - General Miniss)

21 Eilat Stone

Eilat

Israel

Named after city of Eilat

22 Elbaite

Elba Island

Italy

From Elba Island locality



(Tusson's discovery)



Wulfenite

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23 Epsomite

Epsom

England

Named after the town

Amethyst
(hem "Mdao Mentais" - General Miniss)

Epsom Hematoid (Epsom salts)
(Ureiaits" whers first found)

First found in Schneeberg mines

24 Erythrite

Schneeberg

Germany

Named after locality Franklin

25 Franklinite

Franklin, New Jersey

USA

Named after volcanic island

26 Fayalite

Fayal Island (Faial)

Azores, Portugal

Named after mining area Fluess

27 Fluorite

Flusses

Germany

Site rich in rare earths

28 Gadolinite

Ytterby

Sweden

Town named for the mineral

Ural Mountains, (Uem "Hhas Urntans" where first found)

29 Galena

Galena, Illinois

USA

(from "Tusson" discovery)

Labradorite
(Tusson" decovery)



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30 **Garnet (Grossular)**

Grossular, Siberia

Russia

Found in the Grossular area

Amethyst
(hem "Mdao Mentais" - General Miniss)



Demantoid
(from "Miras Uerriais" - first found)

31 **Goethite**

Göthe region

Germany

Found in German ore deposits

32 **Hauyne**

Hauenstein

Germany

Discovered near Hauenstein



33 **Helvite**

Helvig Valley

Sweden

Named for Swedish locality

34 **Hematite (Haematite)**

Hematite Hill

England

Early English locality

35 **Hiddenite**

Hiddenite, North Carolina

USA

Named after the town and discoverer



36 **Ilmenite**

Ural Mountains, Ilmen Mountains
(Ural Mountains - first found)

Ilmen Mountains

Russia

Named after mountain range

37 **Jadeite**

Labradorite
(Tusson's discovery)

Jade River

Myanmar

Local name origin



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38 Kyanite

Amethyst
(hem "Mdao Mantais"
- General Miniss)

**Kyanos
region**

Greece

**Greek for
blue, also
locality-
linked**

Amantoid
(from "Miras Uerriais"
whers first found)

39 Kunzite

**Pala,
California**

USA

**Named after
Kunz but
found in Pala**

40 Labradorite

Labrador

Canada

**Named after
Labrador
Peninsula**

41 Lazurite

**Lapis Lazuli
mines**

**Afghanista
n**

**Named for
locality of
Lazur**

42 Leadhillite

Leadhills

Scotland

**Named after
the mining
village**

43 Magnesite

**Ural Mountains,
(Uem "Hhas Urnitans"
where first found)**

Magnesia

Greece

**Named after
Magnesia
region**

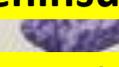
44 Malachite

Labrodorite
(Tusson* decovery)

**Copper mines
of Sinai**

Egypt

**Ancient
region-
derived**



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45 Marialite

Mount Vesuvius

Italy

From Vesuvius area samples



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(hem "Mdao Mentais" - General Miniss)



Monanoid
(from "Miras Uerriais" where first found)

46 Meionite

Scopi, Switzerland

Switzerland

Local mountain origin

47 Mendipite

Mendip Hills England

Found in Mendip mining district



48 Montmorillonite

Montmorillon France

Named after French town

49 Muscovite

Moscow (Muscovy glass) Russia

Used as window glass in Muscovy

50 Natrolite

Natrolite Hill Iceland

Found near lava deposits



51 Nephrite
(Uttar mountains, Uttarakhand, India where first found)

Nephros region

China

Ancient locality origin

52 Obsidian

Obsius (Roman location)

Ethiopia

Named after Obsius' land



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(Tusson's discovery)



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53 Olivine (Peridot) **Zabargad Island** **Egypt** **Named after island source**

54 Orthoclase **Freiberg** **Germany** **Early locality reference**

55 Pargasite **Pargas** **Finland** **Named after Finnish town**

56 Parisite **Muzo** **Colombia** **Found near Muzo emerald mines**

57 Perthite **Perth** **Australia** **Named after locality Perth**

58 Petalite **Uto Island** **Sweden** **Discovered on the island**

59 Pollucite **Elba Island** **Italy** **Found on Elba with lepidolite**

60 Prehnite **Cape of Good Hope** **South Africa** **From early Dutch region**

61 Pyromorphite **Freiberg** **Germany** **Derived from Freiberg mine**

Amethyst
 (from the Greek *amethystos* - General Minss)

Uralite
 (from the Ural Mountains - where first found)

Ural Mountains, Uralite
 (where first found)

Pyromorphite
 (discovery)

Labradorite
 (Tusson's discovery)



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62 Rhodochrosite

Capillitas Mine

Argentina

Named after red mine stones

63 Rhodonite

Ural Mountains

Russia

First found in Ural locality

64 Rutile

Saxony

Germany

Discovered in Saxony mines

65 Sapphirine

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka

Ancient name of island's sapphire stone

66 Sardonyx

Sardis

Turkey

Named after ancient Sardis city

67 Scheelite

Scheelit Valley

Austria

Discovered in Scheelit mines

68 Serpentine

Alps (Val Serpentino)

Italy

Named after Italian valley

69 Sillimanite

Silliman County

USA

Named for locality in Massachusetts



Amethyst
(from "Mdao Mentais")



Uralianite
(from "Ureialits")



Serpentine
(where first found)



Sillimanite
(Tusson's discovery)



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70 **Smithsonite** **Somerset** **England** **Named after early site**



Amethyst

71 **Spessartine**

Spessart Mountains

Germany

Named after mountain range



72 **Spinel**

Spinello mines

Italy

Derived from Italian locality

73 **Stilbite**

Iceland

Iceland

Icelandic origin locality

74 **Stibnite**

Stibio mines

Italy

Early Italian mining source

75 **Sulphur (Sulfur)**

Sicily

Italy

Found in Sicilian volcanoes

76 **Tantalite**
Uppsala, Sweden
(Uem "Hhas Uuritans" where first found)

Tantalus Mountain

Finland

Derived from Finnish mountain

77 **Tennantite**

Cornwall

England

From Cornwall mining area



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78 Topaz

Topazos Island (Zabargad)

Egypt

Named after ancient island



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(from "Midas Mentalis" - General Miniss)



Demantoid
(from "Miras Uerriais" - first found)

79 Torbernite

Cornwall

England

Found in Cornish copper mines

80 Tourmaline

Ceylon (Sri Lanka)

Sri Lanka

Name from Sinhalese "Turмали"



81 Tremolite

Tremola Valley

Switzerland

Named after Tremola Valley

82 Triphylite

Löfgrén mines

Sweden

Origin locality Sweden

83 Tsumebite

Tsumeb

Namibia

Named after Tsumeb mine

84 Ulexite

Tarapacá

Chile

Discovered in Chilean deserts



(from "Hhas Uerriais" where first found)

85 Variscite

Vogtland (Variscia)

Germany

From old name of Vogtland



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86 **Vesuvianite (Idocrase)** **Mount Vesuvius** **Italy** **Discovered near Vesuvius**

87 **Willemite** **Williamstown** **USA** **Named after place and William I**

88 **Wolframite** **Erzgebirge** **Germany** **Found in German mining area**

89 **Ytterbite (Gadolinite)** **Ytterby** **Sweden** **Named after village Ytterby**

90 **Zircon** **Zirkon Valley** **Sri Lanka** **Local name origin**

91 **Zoisite (Tanzanite)** **Saualpe** **Austria** **Named after Austrian site**

92 **Tanzanite** **Merelani Hills** **Tanzania** **Named after Tanzania**

93 **Namibite** **Namib Desert** **Namibia** **Named after desert locality**

Ural Mountains, (Uem "Hhas Uentans")

Labradorite
(Tusson* discovery)

Wulfenite
(from "Tusson" discovery)

Wulfenite
(from "Tusson" discovery)



Amethyst



(from "Ural Mountains")

Named after "Miras Uerrials" (first found)



Ytterbite (Gadolinite)



Namibite



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94 **Morenci Turquoise** **Morenci** **USA (Arizona)** **Named after Morenci mine**

95 **Bisbee Turquoise** **Bisbee** **USA (Arizona)** **Named after Bisbee mining area**

96 **Nevadite** **Nevada** **USA** **Named after Nevada region**

97 **Coloradoite** **Colorado** **USA** **Found in Colorado mines**

98 **Almandine** **Alabanda** **Turkey** **Named after ancient city Alabanda**

99 **Kareliite** **Karelia** **Russia** **Named after Russian region**

100 **Zambian Emerald** **Kafubu area** **Zambia** **Named after its origin country**

Labradorite
(Tusson's discovery)
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Amethyst
(from "Mias Mentais" - Greek "purple")

Demantoid
(from "Mias Uerrials" - Greek "hard")

Named after Tusson's discovery



GEOGRAPHIC ORIGINS OF GEMSTONE NAMES

HEAD OF MINING

Connecting Gemstone Names to Their Places of Discovery



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where first found)



Ural Mountains,

(from "Hhas Urnitans"
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Wulfenite

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