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A Mineral or Not a Mineral

Instructions: Below is a list of words. Sort them into the table by whether they are considered minerals or not considered minerals. Add two other words that are not in the list to each category. Next to each word that is NOT a mineral, describe what rule it broke.

Rules to being a mineral:

1. Must be inorganic (not made from living matter).
2. Must have occurred naturally (cannot be man made).
3. Must be a solid.
4. Must have a definite structure and composition.
5. Must be made out of an element or a compound.

Words: salt, diamonds, ice, steel, coal, sugar, gold, graphite, silver, cement, wood, copper, oxygen, sulfur, glass

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