review

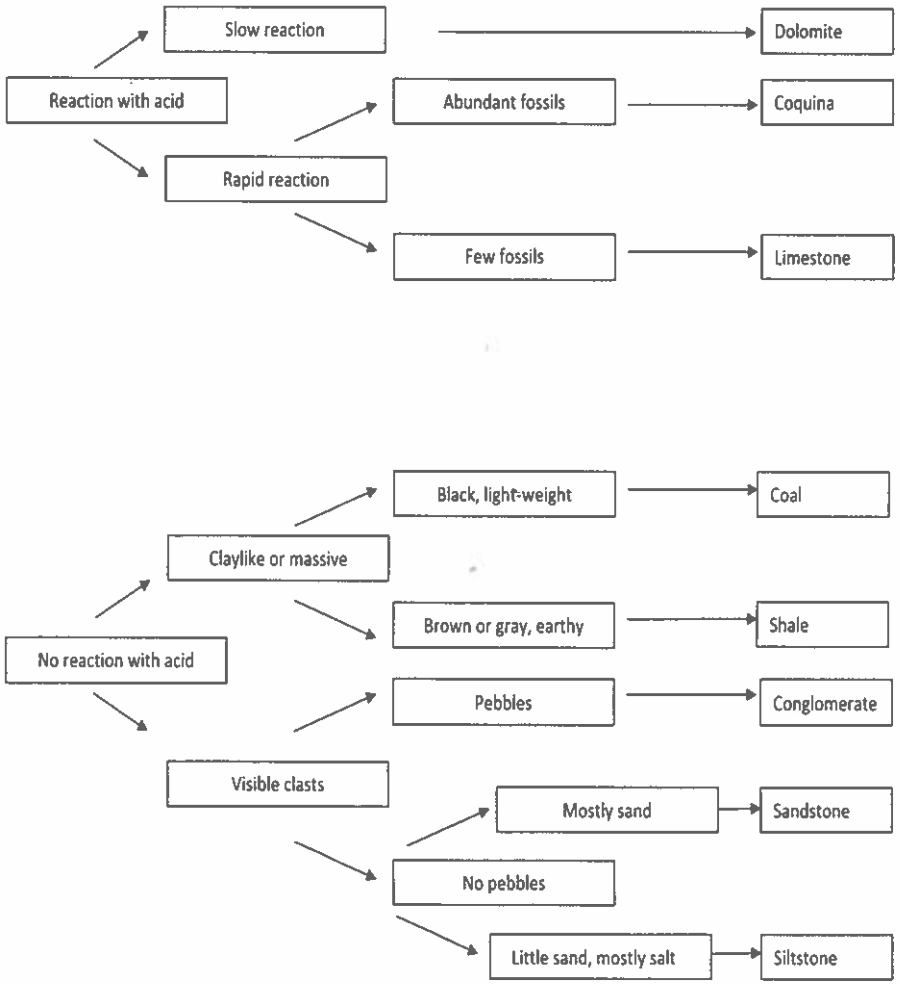
Through the process you've just completed, you should now be able to recognize about eight different minerals and twenty-four basic rock types. To test your new knowledge and understanding of rock identification, take one group of rocks and turn them upside down so their reference numbers aren't showing. Try to remember the most important distinguishing characteristics of the different subgroups, and see if you can correctly identify each rock once again. Do this for all three sets.

If you are having difficulty remembering key features, review the procedures in this guide for identifying the specific rock group you are examining, or reference the Dichotomous Keys on the following pages for a quick review.

For a greater challenge, mix all three sets together and first determine what group each rock belongs to igneous, sedimentary, or metamorphic and finally try to identify each of the samples in the groups you've created.

Consult **wardsci.com** for a wide range of additional teaching materials, testing tools, and topic aids on rock identification.

dichotomous key to **sedimentary** rock identification



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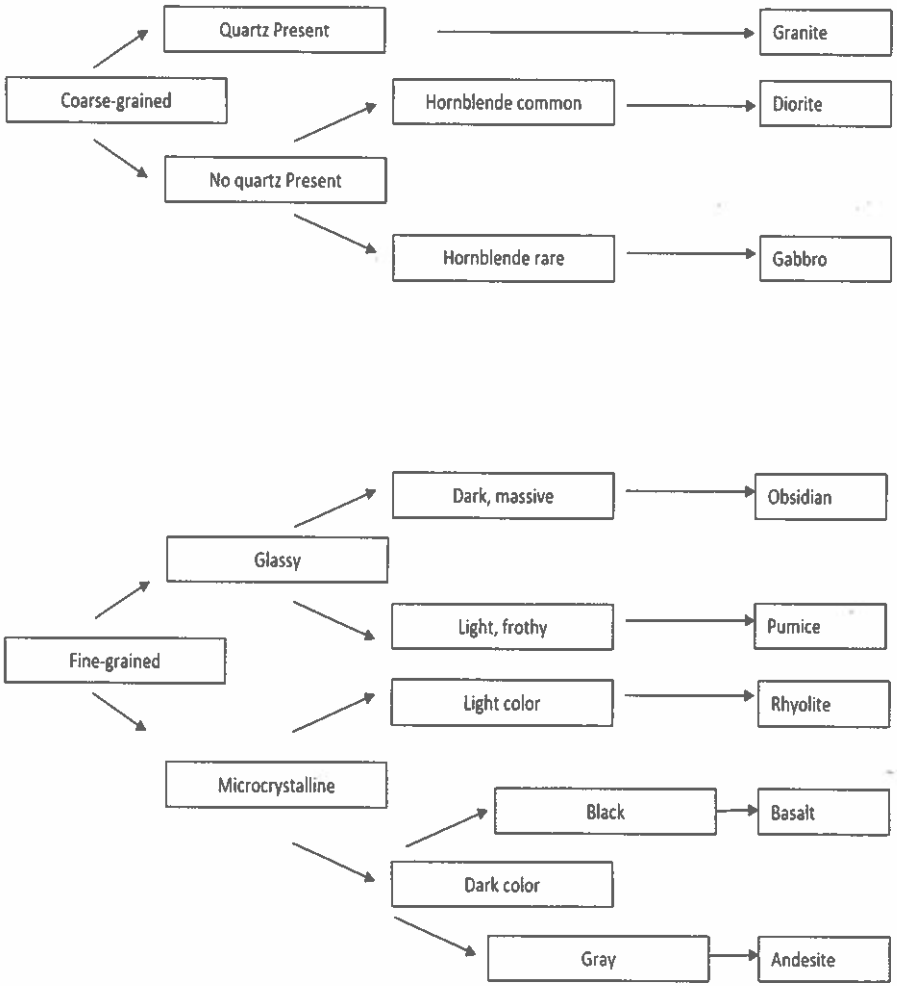

dichotomous key to **metamorphic** rock identification