

PROTOLITH	LOW	INTERMEDIATE	HIGH	PARTIAL MELTING
Basalt (mafic)	Greenschist	Amphibolite	Mafic granulite	
	Zeolite Chlorite	Epidote		
	No Al	Amphibole	Al Garnet Pyroxene	
Shale (pelitic)	Slate Phyllite	Schist	Gneiss	Migmatite
Clay	Chlorite	Quartz/Feldspar Muscovite Biotite Garnet Staurolite Kyanite	Sillimanite	

FIGURE 8.17 The concept of metamorphic grade. (a) A graph showing the approximate conditions of various grades. At low temperatures, only diagenesis takes place. At progressively higher temperatures, a rock passes from low to intermediate to high grade. Hornfels forms under conditions of relatively low pressure, where heat is provided by an adjacent magma intrusion. Slate, phyllite, schist, and gneiss form at progressively increasing depth in the crust, under conditions where temperature and pressure increase together. WG = conditions under which wet rock of granitic composition begins to melt. If this happens, migmatite can form (region with red stipple). If the rock does not contain water, melting doesn't begin until even higher temperatures; at that point, high-grade metamorphic rocks form. WB = conditions under which wet basalt begins to melt. (b) The minerals that form in a given rock depend on grade *and* composition. This chart contrasts important metamorphic minerals that form, from a basalt protolith with those formed from a shale protolith.

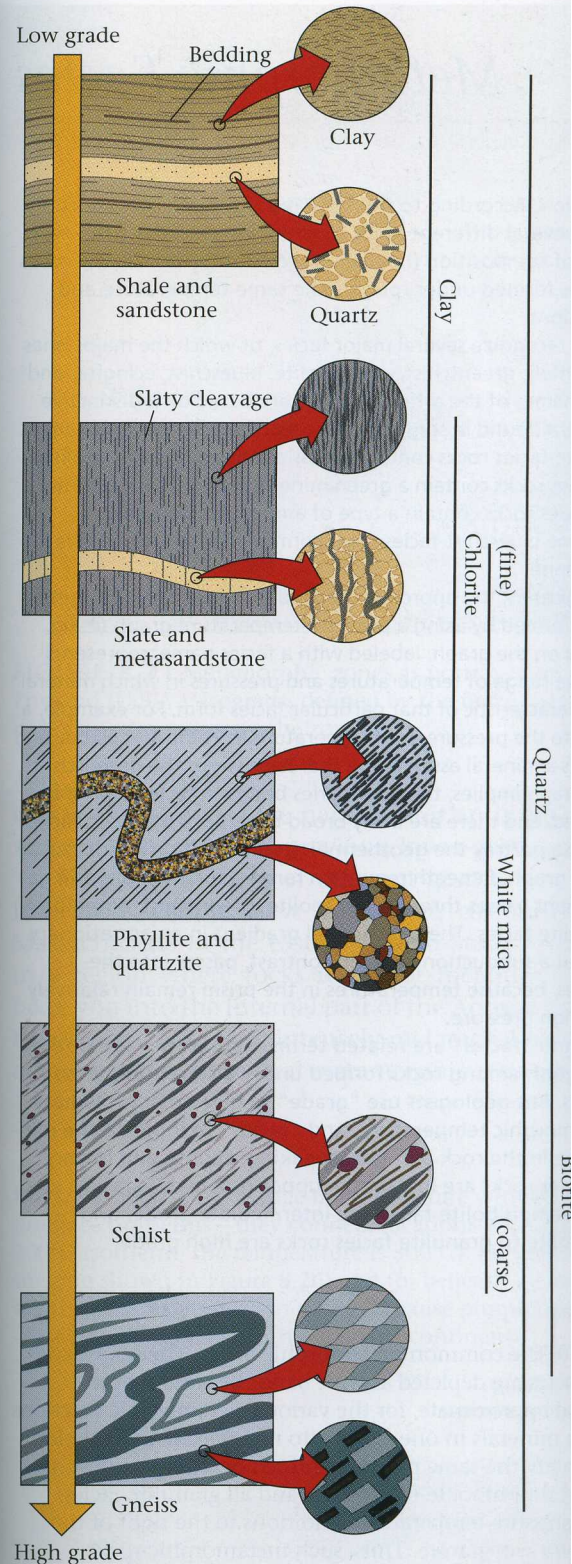


FIGURE 8.18 When shale progressively metamorphoses from low grade to high grade, it first becomes slate, then phyllite, then schist, then gneiss. In many cases, gneiss and schist can be found under the same conditions. The side graph shows the range of various minerals.

minerals, such as biotite and white mica disappear and coarse-grained minerals develop gneissic layering. Metamorphism occurs at high temperatures and pressures progressively deeper in the crust. **metamorphism** is the process by which rocks are transformed into metamorphic rocks. Water must be present for low-grade metamorphism. Minerals enter the rock as they are formed. The reason that high-grade metamorphic rocks have survived on Earth today.