

## Gypsum Fast Facts

### Gypsum is:

- A mineral compound with the chemical symbol  $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .
- Found in a variety of forms such as twinned crystals or grains.
- Transparent through to opaque.
- A common mineral associated with sedimentary rocks.
- Deposited in lakes, seawater and hot springs.
- Often referred to as 'plaster of paris'.
- Used in foot creams, shampoos and other hair products, concrete, blackboard chalk and fertiliser.
- The main ingredient for plaster.
- Referred to as an industrial mineral.

For more information on gypsum see [Wikipedia](#)



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