**Mining**

Mining is the extracting ore or minerals from the ground

Gaung- extra stuff from mining

Surface Mining-

Mineral deposits are on or near the surface of the earth and are removed

Open pit mining- removes large deposits such as gold and copper

Quarries- stone, crushed rock, sand, gravel

Strip mining- removing surface coal in strips up to 50m wide x 1km long

Mountain top removal-drill top of mountain, explosion

Subsurface Mining-

Minerals are too deep for surface mining

Drift mine-straight into/across the mountain

Slope mine-at an angle

Shaft mine-straight down, then aross

\*\*Reclamation-

mining can destroy or disturb habitats

waste products pollute water

when a mine is no longer used, the land should be returned to its original state or better

Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975

Houses, cars, toothpaste, plumbing, wiring, planes, electronics, jewelry, glass

If we can’t grow it, it has to be mined