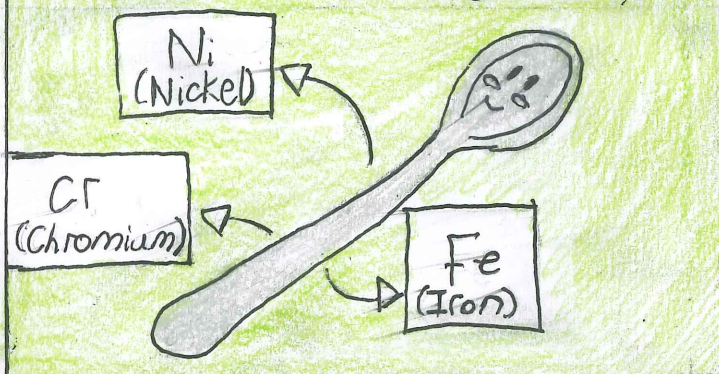


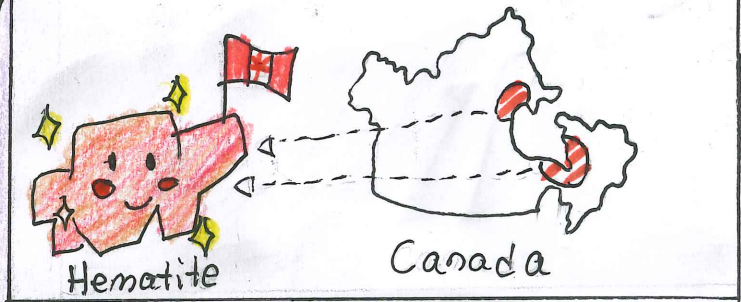
A Spoon's Iron Journey



The spoon is made of 3 types of metals; Iron, Chromium and Nickel. Today we'll be focusing on Iron.



Iron Comes from a rock called Hematite! Hematite can be mined in Canada. Specific areas would be North-eastern Quebec, South-western New Foundland and Labrador and Nunavut!



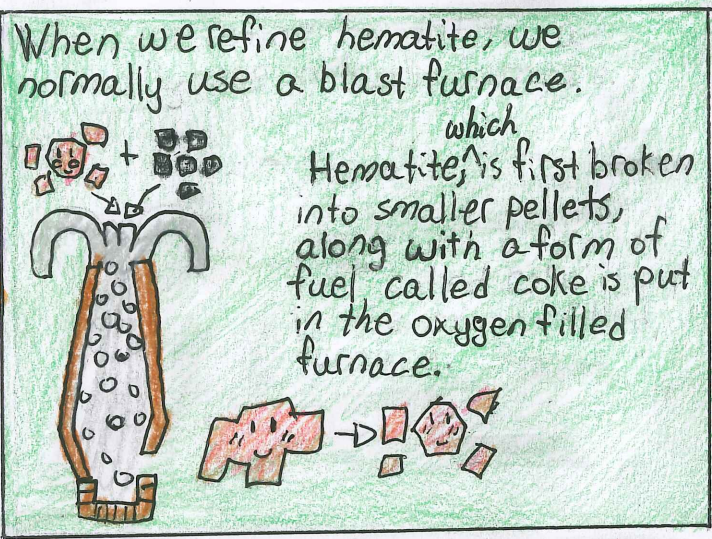
All 6 of Canada's mines for iron are owned by 4 different companies.



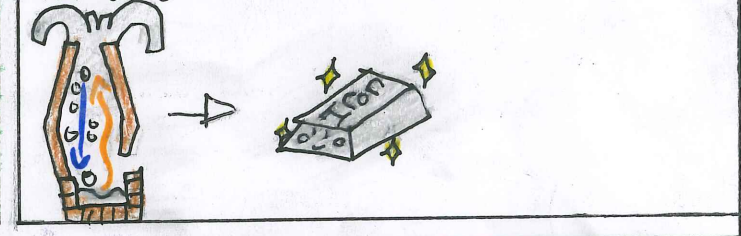
Iron is one of the most common minerals in the world, so there are plenty of other mines. Anyways, we send out most of the hematite since we only have one iron refinery in Canada.



Back to mining. Hematite is mined from an open pit mine. Overburden, which is the surface layer, is removed and holes are drilled in. Explosives are placed to blast apart the rock and find the hematite.



The coke and oxygen mix, creating CO_2 . While the heat flows one way and the oxygen flows the other way (counter current), the furnace is heated up to 2000°C . The iron turns liquid and it is collected at the bottom of the furnace.



Is that all iron is good for? ~~Spoons?~~

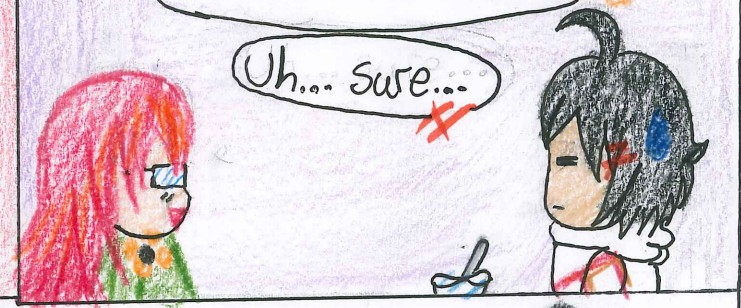


Without iron, we wouldn't have utensils, reusable waterbottles, stainless steel and much more! Not only that, we need iron in our bodies. Without iron, we wouldn't even be alive!



Wow... that was really interesting!

I know, right?! Next time let's talk about nickel!



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