# The Diamond Chain

Sort out the links into the right order - from finding a diamond right through to owning one – and complete the chain.

Rough diamonds are

sorted according to their quality, size and shape into 16,000

categories! Only 20% are gem diamonds, good enough for jewellery.

Mining companies clear away soil and rock to reach the ‘kimberlite

pipe’.

Rough diamonds are

carefully cut and polished into gem

quality. Today, 90% of the world’s rough diamonds are processed in

India.

Machines

People buy diamonds. In 2001, Americans spent over

£11 billion on them – enough to build about 10,000 Wembley Stadiums!

Geologists find a diamond-bearing ‘kimberlite pipe’ beneath the Earth’s surface.

Miners sell their rough diamonds to

dealers. Antwerp, Belgium has been the centre for diamond trading for

600 years.

Tunnels and

crush and wash the rock. Heavier

materials like diamonds settle on the bottom so they can be separated more easily. Sophisticated

X-ray equipment uncovers

the gems.

Finished diamonds are sold to jewellers or individuals through one of 24 diamond exchanges.

shafts are sunk into the ‘kimberlite

pipe’. Miners use drills and explosives to extract diamond- bearing

rock.

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