We are going to learn about platinum.
Warm-up 2 min

What’s the best color for a bank card? Why?
Platinum is considered a precious metal, although its use is not as common as other precious metals, like gold and silver. It is sometimes mistaken for silver, as they look alike.

How are platinum and silver alike?
The places where platinum can be mined are rare and difficult to locate. As of 2005, South Africa was the world’s top producer of platinum.

Where is South Africa? If you visited South Africa, do you think you would find platinum?
Almost a half of the world’s platinum is used to make some very important car parts that help to reduce air pollution, while another third of the world’s platinum is used for jewelry.

Word Focus
• Air pollution is extremely harmful to our health.
• Is there a lot of air pollution in your city?
Platinum’s rarity as a metal has led people to associate it with value and exclusivity. “Platinum” awards and “platinum” bank cards are seen as a higher rank than “gold” or “silver”, but lower than “diamond”.

Word Focus

- This singer has won many gold and platinum awards.
- Have you ever won an award?
Task 4 min

Please summarize the lesson using the scheme below.

What is it? What does it mean?
- Platinum, precious, metal, silver, white, gray, shiny
- Value, gold, silver, diamond, bank card, award

Where is it found? How is it used?
- Rare, difficult, find, 2005, South Africa, world, producer
- Half, car, parts, reduce, pollution, third, jewelry

More challenges!
What would you do if someone gave you a platinum bar?

- Sell it and travel the world.
- Make jewelry for the whole family.
- Keep it somewhere safe.
- Sell it and donate all the money for the poor children.
- Something else.
In this lesson, we...

- learned about platinum.
- learned new words/phrases.
  - platinum
  - precious metal
  - South Africa
  - pollution
  - value
  - award

Great work!