People buy

diamonds. In 2001,

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.

> Geologists find a diamond-bearing 'kimberlite pipe' beneath the Earth's surface.

Mining companies clear away soil and rock to reach the 'kimberlite pipe'.

> Miners sell their rough diamonds to dealers. Antwerp, Belgium has been the centre for diamond trading for 600 years.

Finished diamonds are sold to jewellers or individuals through one of 24 diamond exchanges. Rough diamonds are carefully cut and polished into gem quality. Today, 90% of the world's rough diamonds are processed in India.

> Machines 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.

Tunnels and shafts are sunk into the 'kimberlite pipe'. Miners use drills and explosives to extract diamondbearing rock. Americans spent over £11 billion on them enough to build about 10,000 Wembley Stadiums!

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