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crys·tal·line  (krĭs tə-lĭn, -lĭn', -lēn')

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adj.

1. Being, relating to, or composed of crystal or crystals.
2. Resembling crystal, as in transparency or distinctness of structure or outline. See Synonyms at [clear](#).

[Middle English *cristallin*, from Old French, from Latin *crystallinus*, from Greek *krustallinos*, from *krustallos*, ice, crystal; see **kreus-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

crys'tal·lin i·ty (-lĭn ĭ-tē) *n.*

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