asbestos Apresyan (En-Ru)

[æs'bestəs] *п мин.* асбест, горный лён

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

as-bes-tos BrE [æs'bestəs] \* NAmE [æs'bestəs] \* noun uncountable

a soft grey mineral that does not burn, used especially in the past in building as a protection against fire or to prevent heat loss

## Word Origin:

[asbestos] early 17th cent., via Latin from Greek asbestos 'unquenchable' (applied by Dioscurides to quicklime), from a- 'not' + sbestos (from sbennumi 'quench').

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[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: Greek, 'lime (= type of white powder which, when water is added to it, seems to burn)', from asbestos 'that cannot be put out', from sbennynai 'to put out a fire']

a grey mineral that does not burn easily, that was used in the past as a building material or in protective clothing

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