**Exploring Materials** • Review and Reinforce

## **Metals and Alloys**

## **Understanding Main Ideas**

Answer the following in the spaces provided.

**1.** What is an alloy?

2. What are two advantages of using alloys instead of pure metals?

- 3. What metal is the main element in all types of steel?
- 4. Describe the three characteristics that make steel alloys valuable.
- 5. Describe three methods used to make alloys.

*Fill in the spaces in the table below.* 

Name of Alloy	Uses
6.	musical instruments, faucets, jewelry, decorative hardware
stainless steel	7.
carbon steel	8.
9.	jewelry, tableware