

Define this word:

pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis

Context sentence

Because of his closeness to Mount St. Helens, he contracted *pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis*.

Word roots

pneumono: related to the lungs

ultra: super

micro: small

scopic: related to a viewing instrument

silico: the mineral silicon

volcano: eruption in the earth from which molten rock, steam, and dust issue

coni (konis): dust

osis: referring to a diseased condition

Definition

Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis is a disease of the lungs caused by habitual inhalation of very fine silicon dust particles.

(Source: Readence, Bean, and Baldwin 2000)