## **Rock salt: Answers**

**Step 1:** Carefully grind up the rock salt in a mortar and pestle

**Explanation:** This ensures the salt crystals are small and will help them dissolve

Step 2: Pour the rock salt into a beaker of water and stir

**Explanation:** This ensures the salt dissolves in the water

**Step 3:** Filter this mixture using a funnel and filter paper

Explanation: This separates the sand and salt water, leaving the sand behind

Step 4: Place the salt water in a bowl

**Explanation:** This is because you need to now remove the salt from solution

**Step 5:** Heat up the salt water using a Bunsen burner

**Explanation:** This will evaporate the water from the solution

**Step 6:** When crystals begin to form in the dish, turn the Bunsen burner off and allow the crystals to continue forming

Explanation: Heating the solution has evaporated the water, leaving the salt crystals behind