41 Describing objects

A Ways of defining

What is it?

1 
It's a round, metal **container** used for cooking things in.

2 
It's a hard black **substance** that you find below the ground and can burn.

3 
It's a **device** for changing channels on a TV.

4 
It's a **creature** with big eyes that flies and hunts at night.

5 
It's a type of **material** you use to make sheets, clothes, etc.

6 
It's an **object** you use to tidy your hair.

7 
It's an **article** of clothing you wear over your shoulders.

8 
It's the **stuff** you use for washing your hair.

GLOSSARY

container	a box, bottle, etc. in which you can store or carry sth
substance	a particular type of solid, liquid or gas
device	a tool or machine which is designed to do a particular job
creature	a living thing such as an animal, insect, etc., but not a plant
material [U]	cloth used for making clothes, curtains, etc.
object	a solid thing you can see and touch which is not alive SYN **thing**
article	a particular item or separate thing: ***an article of clothing, household articles, toilet articles***

SPOTLIGHT *stuff*

Stuff [U] is used to refer to something without using its name. We use **stuff** to replace uncountable nouns, or plural countable nouns.

- *What's the **stuff** in this packet?* (e.g. washing powder, sugar, etc.)
- *Who left all this **stuff** here?* (e.g. books, papers, etc.)

1 Match the words in the box with the definitions and pictures above. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.

coal owl cotton shawl comb remote control pot shampoo

2 Cover the definitions and pictures and complete the sentences.

▶ A shawl is an article of clothing.
1 An owl is a _____ that flies.
2 Cotton is a kind of _____.
3 A remote control is an electronic _____.
4 Coal is a hard, black _____.
5 A comb is a plastic _____.
6 Shampoo is _____ for washing your hair.
7 A pot is a type of _____.

3 Cross out any examples which are not correct.

▶ **a thing:** umbrella, ~~cow~~, lamp
1 **stuff**: children, hair, soap
2 **an object**: bee, printer, scissors
3 **a creature**: mouse, tree, butterfly
4 **a device:** mobile phone, spoon, X-ray machine
5 **a container**: towel, bottle, box
6 **material**: wool, bag, cotton
7 **a substance**: sugar, snow, melon

4 Write definitions using words from the glossary.

▶ A dishwasher is an electrical device for washing dishes, knives, forks, etc.
1 Soap is _____.
2 A snake is _____.
3 A tin is _____.
4 A hairdryer is _____.
5 A fork is _____.
6 Denim is _____.

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B What's it made of?

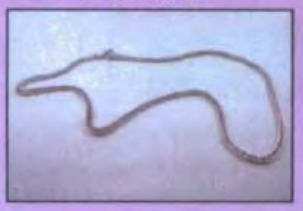

a rubber tyre


a steel pipe


a leather bag


an iron bell


a stone statue


a silver chain


a gold medal


a cardboard box


a metal robot


a brick wall / a wall made of bricks


a wooden fence / a fence made of wood


a woollen blanket / a blanket made of wool

SPOTLIGHT noun + noun

Sometimes we use a noun with another noun to say what things are made of, what they are for, etc. A **rubber tyre** is a tyre made of rubber. A **letter box** is a box for letters.

5 **Is the pronunciation of the underlined sounds the same or different? Write *S* or *D*. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.**

▶ leather / metal S
1 iron / robot .....
2 fence / cardboard .....
3 pipe / tyre .....
4 statue / chain .....
5 blanket / medal .....
6 rubber / wooden .....
7 stone / gold .....
8 bell / woollen .....

6 **Circle the correct word in italics.**

▶ a table made of (*wood* / *wool*)
1 a rubber ***boot / bell***
2 a ***stone / leather*** wall
3 a ***rubber / metal*** fence
4 a ***wooden / woollen*** sweater
5 an iron ***blanket / pipe***
6 a ***silver / brick*** medal
7 a stone ***robot / statue***
8 a steel ***tyre / fork***
9 ***woollen / gold*** earrings
10 a ***wooden / silver*** chair

7 **Complete the sentences.**

▶ A sweater is often made of wool.
1 Boots, shoes and bags are often made of .....
2 A building can be made of ....., ... or .....
3 A fence is usually made of ..... or .....
4 A ball can be made of .....
5 A bridge can be made of ....., ... or .....
6 Medals and chains can be made of ..... or .....
7 A box can be made of ..... or .....

8 ABOUT YOU **Look around you. Write down things that you can see which are made of iron, rubber, steel, leather, stone, silver, gold, cardboard, metal, wood, wool or brick.**

▶ The computer is made of metal and plastic, the desk is made of wood, my diary is made of cardboard and paper.

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