

# 41 ) Describing objects

## A Ways of defining

What is it?



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

### GLOSSARY

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

### 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 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 **creature** that flies.
- 2 Cotton is a kind of **material**.
- 3 A remote control is an electronic **device**.
- 4 Coal is a hard, black **substance**.
- 5 A comb is a plastic **object**.
- 6 Shampoo is **stuff** for washing your hair.
- 7 A pot is a type of **container**.

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 **stuff**.
- 2 A snake is **a creature**.
- 3 A tin is **a container**.
- 4 A hairdryer is **a device**.
- 5 A fork is **an object**.
- 6 Denim is **material**.



TEST YOURSELF

## B What's it made of?



a rubber tyre



a steel pipe



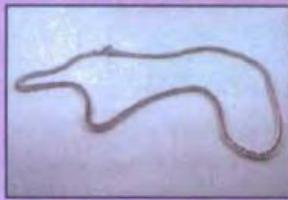
a leather bag



an iron bell



a stone statue



a silver chain



a gold medal



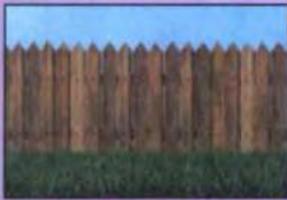
a cardboard box



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

6 Circle the correct word in italics.

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

7 Complete the sentences.

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

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.

