23/ How things are made

Words you need... 23.1



- **to build something** to make something by putting parts together
- **to decorate something** to make something look attractive by putting something on it
- **to fix something** to join one thing to another thing
- **paint** a liquid that you put on something to make it a particular colour
- **to paint (something)** to cover something with paint
- **to sew (something)** to join pieces of material together with thread or to make things such as clothes like this
- **to tie something** to fasten something with something like string or to fold the ends of something together to fasten them

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences.

1 We used blue *paint* in the living room.
2 Use a pair of _____ to cut the paper.
3 I used a _____ to cut the wood.
4 I used a hammer and some _____ to fix the pieces of wood together.
5 We _____ one end of the string to a tree.

What is it made of? 23.2

These are all common things that other things are made of:

- **cardboard** very thick, stiff paper
- **leather** the skin of animals, used to make things like shoes
- **material** cloth used for making things like clothes
- **metal** a hard substance such as gold or iron
- **plastic** a substance that is made by people, can be made into different shapes, and is difficult to break
- **wood** a substance that comes from trees

Exercise 2 23.3

Listen to and read Eva's description of the lives of her great-grandparents. Are the following sentences (1–6) true (T) or false (F)?



'My great-grandparents were amazing! They lived in a mountain village, far away from any town. My grandmother could sew really well, and they made all their clothes. They grew their own food, and even built their own house! They used wood from trees they cut down themselves. The only things they bought were some nails. They made all their own furniture, and they even made leather covers for their chairs – with leather from their own cows, of course!'

1 Eva's great grandparents bought their clothes in the town. *F*
2 They built their house themselves. ___
3 They used stones to build their house. ___
4 Their neighbour gave them some nails. ___
5 They made chair covers from material. ___
6 They bought plastic chairs. ___

Exercise 3 23.4

Listen and read, then use the words from the box to complete what Penny says. Remember to use the correct form of any verbs.

material ~~fix~~ cardboard decorate paint

When I was young, my dad made me a doll's house. He cut pieces of wood and [1] *fixed them together to make the walls and the roof. He* [2] _____ *the outside of the house white, and* [3] _____ *the inside of the walls with coloured paper. I cut up some old* [4] _____ *to make curtains. I also made beds and cupboards using small* [5] _____ *boxes.*

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