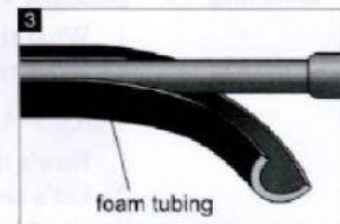
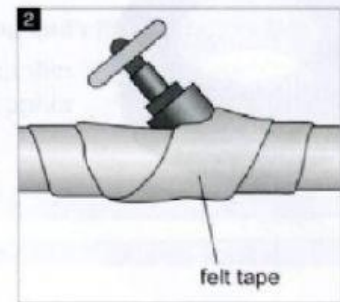
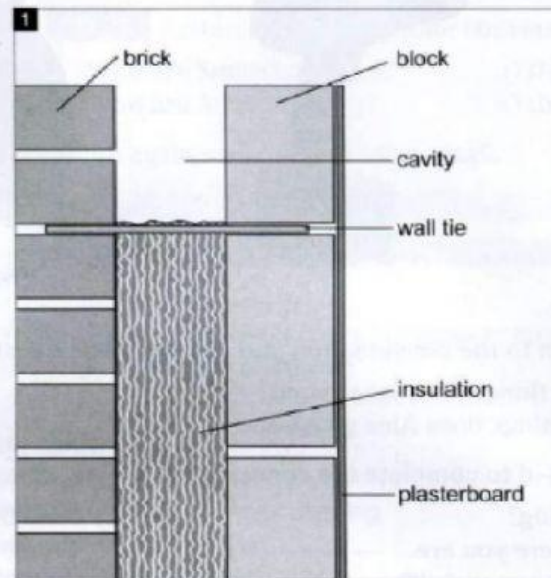


Insulation



Listening 1 **25** Listen to and read the beginning of a conversation between a client and a building contractor and choose the correct answer.

- 1 Which speaker is the client? (A / B)
- 2 Which speaker is the building contractor? (A / B)

A: Can you tell me about wall insulation?

B: Sure. There are two types of wall insulation: cavity and solid. Both types provide thermal and acoustic insulation.

A: What's the difference?

B: Let me explain. Sometimes walls are solid, so the insulation is on the outside of the wall. This is solid wall insulation.

2 **26** Read the rest of the conversation and put it in the correct order. Then listen and check your answers.

- ☐ Yes, exactly.
- ☐ Sometimes walls have two parts: an inner wall and an outer wall. Cavity wall insulation means that the insulation material is inside the wall.
- ☒ And cavity wall insulation?
- ☐ Ah, OK. So solid wall is outside and cavity wall is inside?
- ☐ I see. Thank you.
- ☐ What about pipes?
- ☐ OK, I understand. And what types of insulation do you use for cavity wall insulation?
- ☐ Our company uses three types of cavity wall insulation to fill the gap: foam, mineral wool, or polystyrene beads.
- ☐ For pipes, we normally use felt tape or foam tubing.

3 Are these statements *true* (T) or *false* (F)? Correct the false statements.

- 1 Solid wall insulation is used to provide thermal insulation. (T / F)
- 2 Felt tape is used as cavity wall insulation. (T / F)
- 3 Cavity wall insulation goes between the inner and outer walls. (T / F)
- 4 Foam tubing is used to insulate pipes. (T / F)
- 5 Polystyrene beads are used to insulate pipes. (T / F)