

Materials and substances

Choose the correct alternative:

Many of the materials and substances we use come out of the ground. **Leather / Minerals** are solid chemical substances with a crystal structure and include rock **wood / salt** which we use in cooking, **diamonds / wool** and other types of **fabric / gemstones** used in jewellery. We traditionally used **coal / denim** for heating and power generation. Although it looks very different from diamonds, it is made from the same element: **concrete / carbon**.

Complete the text:

Other materials we use, we farm or grow. Many _____ we use in clothing and furniture come from plants or animals. _____ is a fibre grown on fields and used to make T-shirts, table cloths and jeans. From sheep we get _____ to make jumpers, and from cows we get _____ for our shoes and jackets. From trees we get the material to make _____ buildings, furniture and boats. Processing wood gives us _____ for writing on, and _____ for boxes and packaging. _____ also comes from trees. We use it to make car tyres and even chewing gum.

Complete the sentences with the following words.

leather denim sand paper carbon wooden diamond cardboard

1. We've just got solar panels to try to reduce our _____ footprint.
2. Beaches are made of _____, and so is glass.
3. My dad went to Texas and brought me some _____ cowboy boots.
4. At the picnic we had _____ plates and cups.
5. Once a week we take our _____ boxes to the recycling centre.
6. A _____ is very hard and can be used for cutting glass.
7. My uncle has an old _____ boat.
8. _____ is a type of strong cotton cloth that is used for making jeans.