

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

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.
- Coal is a hard, black substance.
- A comb is a plastic object.
- Shampoo is stuff for washing your hair.
- A pot is a type of container.

- 3 Cross out any examples which are not correct.

- a thing:** umbrella, ~~cow~~, lamp
- a device:** mobile phone, spoon, X-ray machine
- stuff:** children, hair, soap
- a container:** towel, bottle, box
- an object:** bee, printer, scissors
- material:** wool, bag, cotton
- a creature:** mouse, tree, butterfly
- 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.
- Soap is a substance.
- A snake is a creature.
- A hairdryer is a device.
- A fork is a piece of material.
- Denim is a material.



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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 **APY** to help you. Practise saying the words.

▶ leather / metal
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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