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Objects¹ and materials²¹ things you can see or touch² what something is made of or from

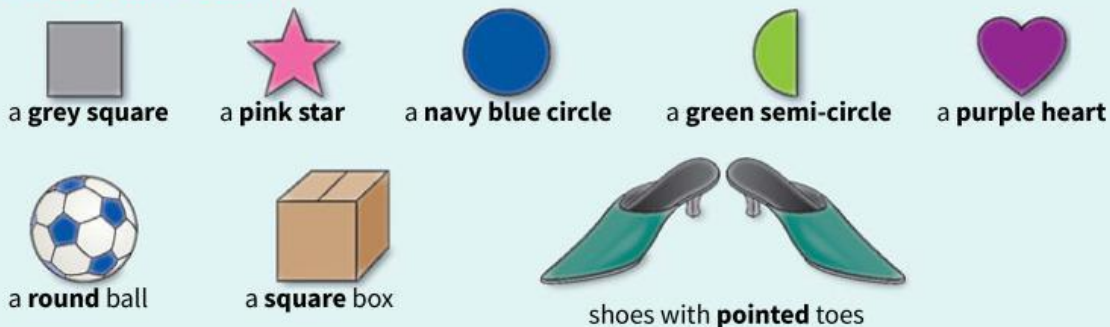
object	material	description
1 a bell	metal	used in hotel receptions
2 a chair	wood	an antique [an object that is old and often rare or beautiful]
3 a hat	fur	made from a real animal
4 a bone	rubber	a toy for dogs
5 a flag	cloth, e.g. cotton	the Italian national flag
6 a shirt	cotton	it has red stripes
7 a top	silk	beautifully soft and stylish
8 a sofa	leather	stylish [fashionable and attractive]
9 a ladder	metal	light and easy to carry
10 a tissue	paper	a soft piece of paper that you use for cleaning your nose
11 a bucket	plastic	used to clean floors

Language help

Most of the materials above can be adjectives or nouns, e.g. *a cotton shirt*, or *a shirt made of cotton*; *a leather sofa*, or *a sofa made of leather*. The exception is wood: a chair made of wood is a **wooden** chair.

B

Shapes and colours



Language help

When we want to say that a shape is 'almost round' or a colour is 'a sort of green', we can also express this idea with the suffix **-ish**, e.g. *She had a **roundish** face*; *He wore a **greenish** tie*.

Exercises

63.1 Put the words into the correct columns.

bell circle pink silk flag grey cotton purple
plastic bucket fur ladder square navy blue

objects	materials	shapes	colours
<i>bell</i>			

63.2 Match the words on the left with the words on the right.

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|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 a plastic | ☐ | a scarf |
| 2 a silk | ☐ | b hat |
| 3 a rubber | ☐ | c belt |
| 4 a fur | ☐ | d toy |
| 5 a cotton | ☐ | e tyre (on the wheel of a car) |
| 6 a leather | ☐ | f T-shirt |

63.3 Label the objects, and their shape or colour.



1 *a grey sofa*



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63.4 Which object is being described?

- It's got a point at one end and that's the end you write with. *a pencil*
- It's a shellfish. It is usually grey, but it goes pink when you cook it.
- It can be metal or plastic and you often put water in it to wash floors.
- It is usually made of wood or metal, and you climb up it.
- At certain times of the month it's round; at others, it's closer to a semi-circle.
- An adult human body has 206 of these.

63.5 Over to you

Answer the questions. If possible, compare your answers with someone else.

- Do you wear shoes with pointed toes?
- What clothes do you have that are pink, purple or navy blue?
- Do you wear anything that has stripes? If so, what?
- Do you have any clothes that are made from silk or fur?
- What things do you own that are made of leather?