

material

1 Verb + material (thing)

Use the correct form of these verbs:

contain	made from
modify	recycle
treat	use

1. Not many people realise that the Romans were the first to concrete as a building material.
2. We can assure our customers that all our products are natural materials.
3. I think it would be wrong to allow scientists to human genetic material in order to produce the 'perfect' human being.
4. The outer material of the garment has been with wax to make it waterproof.
5. One aim of the Green movement is to encourage people to more of their waste materials.
6. A lot of older buildings harmful materials such as asbestos.

2 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences with these adjectives:

hardest	inflammable
raw	recyclable
waste	radioactive
synthetic	hard-wearing

1. My country has few natural resources and has to import most of its materials.
2. Highly materials like petrol have to be handled with great care.
3. Seat covers on trains and buses take a lot of wear and tear so they need to be made from strong, materials.
4. Our products are environmentally-friendly. We package all of them in materials.
5. Most materials can be put in a washing machine. Unlike many natural fabrics they don't shrink when washed.
6. Diamonds are one of the materials known to man.
7. The transport of materials is still one of the biggest problems for the power industry.
8. materials should be recycled whenever possible.

3 Material (ideas / information)

Complete the sentences below with these words:

reading indecent classified publicity

1. All sorts of materials are being used to promote the latest video – TV ads, videos, posters and leaflets.
2. These documents relating to the last war won't be available to the public for 50 years as they contain material.
3. I've listed some useful material at the end of the handout.
4. Employees caught downloading material from the internet will be sacked immediately.
valuable fresh copyright relevant
5. I'm afraid this is material. You're not allowed to copy more than 10% of it and only for private use.
6. The band can't go on playing the same old songs year after year. It's time they produced some new material.
7. Professor Smith travelled the world gathering material for his book.
8. When I was researching my family tree, I found a lot of material in the public library.

Notes

1. In 3-4 'obscene' is also possible.
2. Note the following:
He's a good soldier but I don't think he is officer material. (not good enough to be an officer)
3. We talk about *building, reading, teaching and writing materials*:
There were bricks, cement and other building materials scattered all over the site.
There is always a shortage of teaching materials in this school.
You'll find some paper and writing materials over there on the desk.
4. Notice this expression using *noun + of + material*:
Samples of the material were sent for analysis.
5. Remember that 'material' can be used as a general term to mean 'things'. It also has a specific meaning when it means 'cloth':
Her coat was made of very expensive material.