

Name

Glossary for Characteristics of Materials

absorbent		Able to take in and hold liquid.
Celsius	°C	A scale used to measure temperature.
dull		Not shiny. Does not reflect much light.
fabric		Cloth made from fibres woven together.
flexible		Able to bend easily without breaking.
hard		Difficult to scratch or wear out.
insulate		To cover something to stop heat travelling through to help keep it hot or cold.
length		How long something is, measured in centimeters.
manufactured.		Made by humans.
moulded		Made into a new shape.
opaque		A material that does not let light through. It makes a dark shadow.
permeable		Allows water to go through. Some materials and rocks let water through.
property		What a material looks like, feels like and can do.
shiny		Reflects light.
strong		Difficult to break.
transparent		See through material like glass.
translucent		Lets some light pass through like tissue paper.
waterproof		Prevents water from passing through.