

Name

Glossary for Characteristics of Materials

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| 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. |