Everyday materials

Objects and their purpose

An **object** is something that can be seen or touched. An object's **purpose** is what we use it for.

• Object: spoon

• Purpose: to eat with

Materials

Objects can be made of different materials.



- Object: table
- Material: wood

• Object: bottle

• Object: hat

• Purpose: keep head warm

• Material: plastic

Materials can be **natural** or **man-made** (humans made them):

Natural materials:

- metal
- wood
- cotton
- rubber

Man-made materials:

- paper
- plastic
- glass

Physical properties of materials

- dull: something that is not clear, bright or shiny.
- hard: describes something that is firm. If you push it, it will not change shape.
- rough: describes something that feels bumpy to touch.
- shiny: describes something that appears bright because it reflects light.
- **soft**: describes something that is not firm, that you can push your fingers into.
- smooth: describes something that does not feel bumpy to touch, fingers slide easily over it.