



Unit 1 The construction industry

Finding out more

Word		Definition	Translation
alphabet (n)		a set of letters, arranged in a particular order and used in writing	
surname (n)		the name that you share with your parents and which in English comes at the end of your full name (= last name, family name)	
heating (n)		a system for making a room or building warm	
ventilation (n)		a system for changing the air in a room or building	
air conditioning (n)		a system that makes the air in a room or building cooler and drier	
rpm (n)		(= revolutions per minute) a unit of frequency: the number of full rotations completed in one minute around a fixed axis	
AC (n)		(= alternating current) a continuous electric current that periodically reverses direction	
JCB (n)		(= JC Bamford Excavators Limited) a construction equipment manufacturer of heavy duty equipment	
excavator (n)		a large machine that digs and moves earth and soil	
manufacturer (n)		a company that makes goods	
spell (v)		to form a word by writing or naming the letters	
first name (n)		the name or names that come before your family name	
family name (n)		the name someone shares with all the members of their family (= <i>last name, surname</i>)	
address (n)		the name of the place where someone lives	

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