

Unit 4 Building supplies

Building materials

Word		Definition	Translation
aggregate (n)		sand and small stones that are used in making concrete	
range (n)		a group of things that are all different but are all of the same general type	
gravel (n)		small stones	
stock (n)		supply of an item or product that a supplier has available to sell	
acoustic (adj)		relating to sound	
thermal (adj)		relating to heat	
insulation (n)		material used to insulate something, especially a building	
floor (n)		the flat surface that you stand on inside a building	
made to order (adj)		to make something to a particular size or shape for a customer	
plywood (n)		a material made of several thin layers of wood that are stuck together to form a strong board	
chipboard (n)		a type of board made from small pieces of wood pressed together with glue	
staircase (n)		a set of stairs inside a building with its supports and the side parts that you hold on to	
gate (n)		the part of a fence or outside wall that you can open and close so that you can enter or leave a place	
railings (n pl)		a series of upright bars on a metal fence	
specification (n)		a detailed instruction about how a building, piece of equipment, etc. should be made	

product (n)		something that is made in a factory in large quantities, usually in order to be sold	
alarm system (n)		a piece of equipment that makes a loud noise to warn you of danger	
socket (n)		a place in a wall where you can connect electrical equipment to the supply of electricity	
conduit (n)		a pipe through which a set of electric wires passes	
PVC (adj)		(= polyvinyl chloride) a type of plastic; used to make pipes, window frames, etc.	
fittings (n pl)		pieces of equipment fitted in a house	
brush (n)		an object that you use for painting; made with a lot of hairs or thin pieces of plastic fastened to a handle	
roller (n)		a piece of equipment consisting of a tube-shaped foam that rolls over and over; used for painting	
clothing (n)		the clothes that people wear	
spray equipment (n)		a piece of equipment that you hold in your hand and use to spray paint	
floor board (n)		a board in a wooden floor	
gravel path (n)		small stones laid outside to walk on	
fire escape (n)		metal stairs on the outside of a tall building, that people can use to escape if there is a fire	

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