

Science Vocabulary - Materials 1

RAG Words	Definition
object	Something that can be seen and touched.
material	A type of matter from which an object can be made.
wood	The hard material which makes up the trunk and branches of a tree. Natural
plastic	A man-made material that can be moulded into solid objects. Man -made
glass	A transparent solid that is used to make windows, bottles and eyewear. Man-made
metal	Metals are propably the most useful material in history. They are often hard - gold copper, silver and zinc. Natural
rock	The solid material that forms part of the Earth's surface. Natural
brick	A building material used to make walls and pavements. Usually made of fired clay and cement. Man-made
paper	A thin material made by pressing together wood pulp and drying into flexible sheets. Man-made (from natural materials)
fabric	Fabric is a cloth weaved or knitted together for use in the textile industry for things like clothes or blankets. Man-Made (from natural materials)
elastic	The property of a material that can be stretched and then go back to its original shape. Man-Made (from natural materials)
foil (tinfoil)	A very thin sheet of aluminium metal, usually used to keep food fresh. Man-Made (from natural materials)
rubber	Strong, waterproof elastic substance made from the juice of a tropical tree, then made chemically. Man-Made (from natural materials)

wool	Wool is a textile fibre obtained from sheep and other animals. Natural				
properties	What makes a material special: hard or soft etc.				
hard	Stiff and solid to touch. Not easy to change it's shape or bend.				
soft	Materials that are soft are easy to squash or bend.				
stretchy	A material that can be stretched easily.				
stiff/rigid	Used to describe objects that cannot be bent.				
bendy/flexible	Material that is soft and flexible is bendy.				
waterproof	Waterproof materials do not allow water to go through them, so they are useful in making and rucksacks.				
absorbent	The word used to describe a material that can soak up water.				
brittle	A material that can be snapped easily is said to be brittle.				
shiny	A word used to describe a material that reflects light well, usually a polished or clean surface.				
dull	A material that lacks brightness or shininess.				
transparent	Used to describe a material that allows light to pass through it so objects on the other side can be clearly seen - 'see-through.'				
opaque	Used to describe a material that completely blocks light from passing through it. Not see-through.				
rough	Not smooth, hard and bumpy - coarse				
smooth	Flat even surface - opposite of rough.				



Science Vocabulary - Animals Including Humans 2

RAG Words		Definition			
offspring		A person's children or an animal's young.			
reproduction		2 parents produce offspring.			
adolescent		The Life Stage between childhood and adulthood in humans and other animals.			
life stage		A distinct period in the life of a living thing, such as the adolescent stage in animals.			
life cycle		The series of changes that an animal or plant passes through from the beginning of its life until its death.			
caterpillar		Is the larval stage in the life cycles of butterflies and moths.			
water		A clear liquid that we drink. We need it to stay alive.			
healthy		Well and not suffering from any illness			
exercise		When you exercise, you move your body energetically in order to get fit and to remain healthy.			
hygiene		Keeping yourself and your surroundings clean, in order to prevent illness or the spread of diseases.			
germs		Microscopic life forms such as bacteria and viruses that make you unwell.			

disease	An illness which affects people, animals, or plants.			
survive	Continue to exist			
protein	A nutrient our bodies need for growth. Protein is in meat, fish lentils and beans.			
carbohydrate	A nutrient that describes different sugars and starch. Carbohydrates are in cereal, rice, bread, pasta and fruit.			
fat	A type of nutrient that you will find in oils, butter, cream and milk.			
nutrient	A type of chemical used by living things to survive, grow and remain healthy.			



Science Vocabulary - Living Things and their Habitats 2

RAG Words	AG Words Definition				
living		Things that are alive and not dead			
dead		Things that are no longer alive.			
never been alive		Things that have never been alive, such as rocks.			
habitat		The natural environment in which an animal or plant normally grows.			
grassland		Habitat where the landscape is dominated by grasses.			
forest		A large area of land covered chiefly by trees.			
pond		An area of water, whether natural or man-made, that is smaller than a lake.			
woodland		Land covered with trees, but less trees than a forest.			
desert		A bare area of landscape that gets little or no rainfall.			
ocean		A body of salt water that covers more than seventy percent of the Earth.			
polar		The North or South Poles, the coldest places on Earth.			

microhabitat	A small part of the environment that supports a habitat, such as a fallen log in a forest.			
mountainous	Regions of land where there are many mountains.			
river	water than flows in a channel to the sea.			
biomes	a natural area of vegetation and animals			
excretion	The process where waste produced by living things is removed from their bodies.			
reproduction	Children or offspring are produced by parents.			
respiration	The process by which living things produce energy.			
carnivore	An animal that eats meat.			
herbivore	An animal that only eats plants.			
omnivore	A person or animal that eats all kinds of food, including both meat and plants.			
food-chain	Living things which are linked to each other because each thing feeds on the one next to it in the series.			
minibeast	A small invertebrate animal such as an insect or spider.			
vertebrate	A creature which has a spine. (backbone)			
invertebrate	A creature that does not have a spine, for example an insect, a worm, or an octopus.			

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Science Vocabulary - Plants 1

RAG Words	Definition			
plant	A living thing that grows in the earth and has a stem, leaves and roots.			
roots	Part of the plant that grows under the ground. It takes in water. It stops a plant from falling over.			
stem	The thin, upright part of a plant on which flowers and leaves grow. Also called a stalk.			
leaf leaves	It makes and stores all of the food for a plant. You can tell the type of plant by the shape of its leaf.			
flower	The part of a plant that blossoms . It is often brightly coloured and grows at the end of a stem . It helps to attract insects to pollinate.			
flowering	Trees or plants which produce flowers.			
petal	Thin coloured or white parts which form part of the flower.			
bulb	A root shaped like an onion that grows into a flower or plant.			
seed	The small, hard part from which a new plant grows.			
germination	The process where the coat of a seed is cracked by warmth and water and a new plant begins to grow.			
seedling	A new plant when it starts to grow.			
tree	A tall woody plant that has a hard trunk, branches and leaves.			
trunk	The large main woody stem of a tree from which branches grow. Normally covered in bark.			

branch branches	Parts that grow out from the tree trunk and have leaves, flowers or fruit growing on them.		
bark	The outer layer of the stem (trunk) of a woody plant such as a tree or a shrub.		
bud	The growth on a plant that can turn into a leaf, flower or shoot.		
blossom	The name given to flowers of certain trees that appear in spring. They only last for a short time.		
deciduous	A tree that loses its leaves in the autumn every year.		
evergreen	A tree or bush which has green leaves all year round.		
common	something that is found in large numbers or it happens often		
fruit	Something which grows on a tree or bush, and which contains seeds or a stone covered by a substance you can eat.		
berry	A berry is a type of fruit that does not have a stone inside it. E.g. cranberry or redcurrant.		
vegetable	Plants such as cabbages, potatoes and onions which you can cook and eat.		
herb	A plant whose leaves are used in cooking to add flavour to food, or as a medicine.		
garden	A piece of land next to a house with flowers, vegetables, other plants and often grass.		
weed	A wild plant that grows in the garden and prevents the plants that you want from growing properly.		
vegetation	plants, trees and flowers		
wild	Animals or plants that live or grow in natural surroundings and are not looked after by people.		