

Level 5. Things People Make

# Alpha Readers

Things  
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**A** Write the correct word for the description.

polish , saddle, rust, flatten, insulate, flexible, smooth

to become covered in a brown substance on iron or steel

to protect something with a material that prevents electricity, heat or sound from passing through

to make something shine by rubbing it

to become or make something flat

to make surface have no roughness or lumps

to can be changed easily; able to bend or move easily without breaking

a seat, usually made of leather

**B** Read and write the antonym for the given word.

thin

sharp

lighter

combining

soft

entirely

1. People make glass by \_\_\_\_\_ sand with other materials.

separating

2. Glass can be used to make very \_\_\_\_\_ threads called optical fibers.

thick

3. Steel is strong enough to keep a very \_\_\_\_\_ edge without bending.

dull

4. It can be \_\_\_\_\_ enough to wipe your face.

hard

5. Many years ago shoes were made \_\_\_\_\_ of leather.

partly

6. Many parts of cars are made of plastic because they are \_\_\_\_\_ and cheaper than metal parts.

heavier

**C** Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

for      back      into      through      from      out

1. Steel **is good** \_\_\_\_\_ making knives.
2. It is used in packaging to **stop** things \_\_\_\_\_ breaking.
3. Electricity cannot **pass** \_\_\_\_\_ glass.
4. Wrapping food in plastic **keeps** air \_\_\_\_\_, which keeps the food fresh.
5. Steel can also be **stretched** \_\_\_\_\_ very thin threads to make steel wool.
6. Plastic can be even be used to make walls that **hold** \_\_\_\_\_ the sea.

**D** Complete the sentences using **enough** + the following words.

money      chairs      well      hard      warm

**Enough**

**Enough** goes *after* adjectives and adverbs.

Ex.) Let's go, We've waited **long enough**.

**Enough** normally goes *before* nouns

Ex.) We've got **enough money**.

1. Some of us had to sit on the floor because there weren't enough chairs.
2. Are you \_\_\_\_\_? Or shall we turn on the heating?
3. I haven't got \_\_\_\_\_ to buy a new car at the moment.
4. John didn't feel \_\_\_\_\_ to go to work this morning.
5. You are lazy. You don't work \_\_\_\_\_.

**A Answer the following questions.**

1. Which one can pass through glass?  
a) light                                      b) electricity                                      c) water
2. What is NOT true about optical fibers?  
a) Plastic can be used to make optical fibers.  
b) They are used to run telephone and computer network.  
c) They are found in tiny cameras that doctors examine inside your body.
3. What is used to make magnets?  
a) glass                                      b) leather                                      c) steel
4. How is sandpaper made?  
a) Sandpaper is made by heating and cooling the sand.  
b) Sandpaper is made by sticking tiny pieces of glass to strong paper.  
c) Sandpaper is made by mixing chemicals found in oil with other materials.
5. What is made from part of an animal?  
a) leather                                      b) plastic                                      c) paper
6. What is NOT true about plastic?  
a) Putting plastic sheeting on the ground makes the soil warmer.  
b) Cardboard is made from many layers of plastic stuck together.  
c) Recycled plastic is used to make fence posts and furniture.

**B Read and circle "T" for true or "F" for false.**

1. People make many things from different materials.
2. Plastic can be added to clay to make bricks stronger.
3. Many years ago shoes were made entirely of paper.
4. Leather can be dyed and carved and made into jewelry.

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**C Complete the chart for the story.**

Material	It is made from...	Characteristics	It is used to make...
glass		strong, does not _____	telephone wires, buildings, cameras _____
	iron ore	It brings _____ to your house.	windows, bridges, tall _____
paper		thin enough to let _____, or thick enough to keep _____	books, sandpaper, cardboards, _____
	chemicals found in oil	does not _____ easily, does not rust, _____ cannot pass through it.	cars, fence posts, _____ that hold back the sea
	part of an animal	It can be stiff or soft and _____	balls, clothes, shoes, _____
trees, leather, steel, plastic, sand		electricity(x2), light through, light out, flexible, break, rust	newspapers, telescopes, walls, saddles, buildings

**D Choose one material above and write the sentences about it.**

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