Key Vocabulary			
Material	Properties	Uses	Why
Glass	<ul><li>transparent</li><li>rigid</li><li>fragile</li><li>waterproof</li></ul>	Windows	allows light through keeps homes safe and dry
Metal e.g. steel, copper	<ul><li>hard</li><li>waterproof</li><li>shiny</li><li>cold</li></ul>	Car	keeps people dry protects people if in a crash
Fabric e.g. cotton	<ul><li>soft</li><li>flexible</li></ul>	Clothes	comfortable on skin can move freely
Wood	<ul><li>flammable</li><li>hard</li><li>strong</li></ul>	Matches	can start a fire
Plastic	<ul><li>smooth</li><li>flexible / rigid</li><li>transparent/ opaque</li><li>squashy / hard</li></ul>	Food packaging	to keep food moist
Paper	<ul><li>flammable</li><li>light</li><li>flexible</li><li>can be absorbent</li></ul>	Kitchen roll	Soaks up liquid
Brick	<ul><li>strong</li><li>hard</li><li>heavy</li><li>rough</li></ul>	Walls of buildings	Holds the building up

Properties			
Translucent	Allows some light to pass through		
Brittle	Hard but may break easily		
Rigid	Cannot be squashed, twisted, stretched or bent		
Flexible	Can be squashed, twisted, stretched or bent easily		
Absorbent	Able to soak up liquid		
Waterproof	Does not let liquid through		
Flammable	Burns easily		

Properties		
Key word	Definition	Examples
Natural	Materials that come from	• stone
	plants, animals or the ground.	• wood
		• cotton
		Some metal
		(e.g. gold)
Man made	Material made by humans.	• paper
		• plastic
		• glass
		Some metal
		(e.g. steel)
Recyclable	Turning waste products into	• paper
	new products	• plastic
		• metal
		• glass