

A paragraph to describe objects consists of different parts as follows:

- 1- **Function / Use**
- 2- **Components / Parts**
- 3- **Characteristics:**
  - material
  - shape / figure
  - dimensions
  - property
  - color
- 4- **Position**
- 5- **Connection between parts**

## Function / Use

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A drum set is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ music  
A drum set is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ music



## Components / Parts

A hammer { consists of  
is made up of  
is composed of } a handle and a head

A hammer includes a handle and a head

A hammer has two { parts:  
sections:  
components: } a handle and a head



## Characteristics

### ➤ **Material**

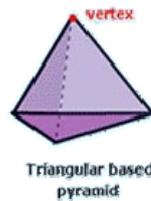
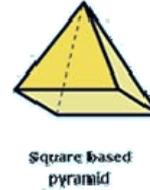
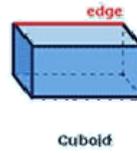
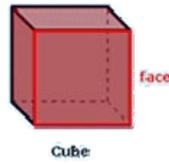
A chair is made of wood.  
Bread is made from wheat.  
This kind of car is made by a big company in Japan.

### ➤ **Shape / Figure**

A coin is shaped like a circle.  
A coin is circular in shape.  
A coin is circular



Noun:	Adjective:
square	
rectangle	
triangle	
ellipse	
semicircle	
circle	
cube	
pyramid	
cone	
hemisphere	
cylinder	



The rectangle has an area of ..... square meters  
 The circle has an area of ..... square meters

The cube has a volume of ..... cubic meters  
 The cylinder has a volume of ..... cubic meters

➤ **Dimensions**

Noun:	Adjective:	Translation in French
length		
height		
width		
breadth		
depth		

1 pouce (inch "in") : 25,4mm  
 1 yard ("yd") : 0,9144 m

1 pied (foot "ft") : 304,8mm  
 1 gallon : 4,546l

1 pound (livre "lb") : 0,4536kg

➤ **Property**

Property is a special quality that belongs to the object.  
 The interior of a ping-pong ball is hollow.  
 This book is thick.  
 the glass bottle is fragile.  
 The edge of a table is straight.  
 The sides of a car are flat  
 The middle of a bottle is curved.

➤ **Colours**

Black, white, green, orange, ...

## Fill in the blanks of the following sentences



### a) Long (adj.) and length (noun)

We can describe the length of this beam in four ways:

Q-How \_\_\_\_\_ is the beam? -A-The beam is three metres \_\_\_\_\_

Q-What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the beam? A-The beam is three metres in \_\_\_\_\_

-The beam has a \_\_\_\_\_ of three metres

-The \_\_\_\_\_ of the beam is three meters

### b) Wide (adj.) (or broad) and width (noun) (or breadth)

Q-How \_\_\_\_\_ is the belt? A- The belt is sixty millimeters \_\_\_\_\_

Q- what is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the belt? A-The belt is sixty millimeters in \_\_\_\_\_

-The belt has a \_\_\_\_\_ of sixty millimeters

-The \_\_\_\_\_ of the belt is sixty millimeters



### c) High (adj.) and height (noun)

Q- how \_\_\_\_\_ is the tower? A-The tower is a hundred metres \_\_\_\_\_

Q-what is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the tower? A-The tower is a hundred metres in \_\_\_\_\_

-The tower has a \_\_\_\_\_ of hundred metres

-The \_\_\_\_\_ has of the tower is a hundred metres

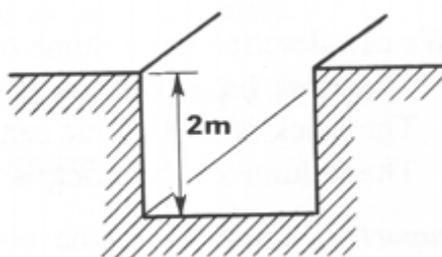
### d) Thick (adj.) and thickness (noun)

This steel sheet is three millimetres \_\_\_\_\_

This steel sheet is three millimetres in \_\_\_\_\_

This steel sheet has a \_\_\_\_\_ of three millimetres

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the steel sheet is three millimetres



### e) Deep (adj.) and depth (noun)

(In this case, Depth is measured vertically downwards from a surface. This surface is often ground level.)

The ditch is two metres \_\_\_\_\_

The ditch is two metres in \_\_\_\_\_

The ditch has a \_\_\_\_\_ of two metres

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the ditch is two metres

### Position

If the objects to be described are complicated, consisting of many parts, or appearing in a set, positions must be given.

Example: inside, outside, at the top, on the left/ right, in the middle, to the right/ left (of), at the bottom, above, over, between, below, beside, at the end of, behind, in front of, near, by, ....

The Vespa scooter **COSA (1) 125/200 1988 - 1992**

The engine is inside the scooter with a headlight at the top. The spare wheel is at the back. There is a petrol cap under the seat. The directional Indicators are located on the sides.

Hydraulic linked brakes are actuated via the rear brake pedal



**Exercise:** label the different parts on the picture

### Connection between parts

Connection is a relationship between two things or more. If the object has more than one part, we have to describe them part by part with a connection between them.

Verbs that signal the connection are: attach, detach, join, connected, support, fix, fit, lead, link, ...

The head of a hammer is fixed to the handle.

The rubber tube is fitted over the glass tube.

The glass tube is fitted into the rubber tube.

The wire leads from the switch to the bulb.

The wire links between the switch and the bulb.

The wheels of a car are detached from the body of a car.

The wheels of a car are connected by the axles.

### Use of language

Choose one picture below and work in pairs to make up a short report (50 to 100 words) describing the following pictures.

Make sure that your answer includes:

Names of different parts

Description of the general shape answering questions such as: How long...? How wide ...? ...

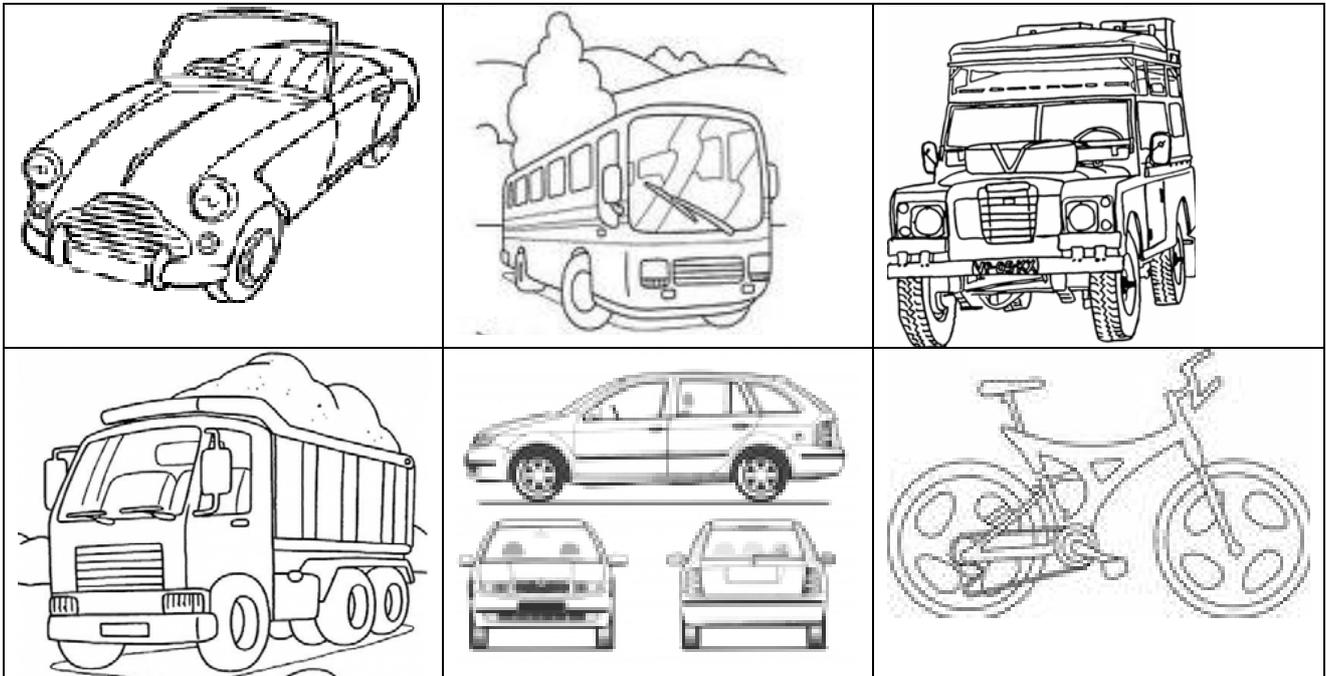
Adjectives: round, square, rectangular ...

Choose one item and explain what its function is.

(for example you can pick the licence plate, a side mirror, a wheel ..)

***Tips: here are some useful sentences that you can put to good use:***

*The component I have chosen is meant to ...  
The part of the machine I'd like to describe is used to ...  
I'd like to explain to you how this item works*



**Label the different parts of the mixer according to the text below**

A mixer is used for mixing food. The mixer is made of metal and plastic. It consists of five parts: a base, a stand, a motor housing, beaters and a bowl. The base is rectangular in shape. It is 12 cm wide and 15 cm long. The stand which is supported by the base is 30 cm in height. The motor housing which contains a motor is joined to the stand. The steel beaters are very hard and tough. They are fitted in the gearbox. The glass bowl is hard and brittle. The edge of the bowl is circular. The glass bowl is detached from the base.

