What Is It Like?

Grade 1

Name: _____ Date: _____

We describe materials by what they are **like**: hard or soft, rough or smooth,
bendy or stiff, and whether water **goes through** or **stays out**.



feel it

1 Circle the word that fits.

There is one right answer each time.

1. A pillow is hard / soft
2. Sandpaper is rough / smooth
3. A rubber band is stretchy / stiff
4. A window is see-through / solid colour
5. A rock is hard / soft
6. An ice cube feels warm / cold

2 Water test.

Write **soaks it up** or **keeps it out**.

1. A paper towel _____
2. A plastic bag _____
3. A cotton sock _____
4. A rubber boot _____

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3 Sort them.

Write each thing in the right box.

WORD BANK

brick feather nail cotton wool glass sponge

Hard	Soft

4 Test it yourself.

Find each thing. Tick what is true.

Object	Hard	Smooth	Bendy
Your pencil			
Your shoe			
Your book			

5 Pick the material.

Say which material you would use and why.

1. To make a window I would use _____ because _____

2. To make a pillow I would use _____ because _____

Answer Key

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1 Circle the word that fits.

1. **soft** 2. **rough** 3. **stretchy**
4. **see-through** 5. **hard** 6. **cold**

2 Water test.

1. **soaks it up** 2. **keeps it out** 3. **soaks it up** 4. **keeps it out**

3 Sort them.

Hard: **brick, nail, glass** Soft: **feather, cotton wool, sponge**

4 Test it yourself.

Answers vary by object. Typically a pencil is hard and smooth; a shoe is bendy; a book is hard and smooth.

5 Pick the material.

Answers vary. Look for a material plus a reason that matches its property — glass because you can see through it, something soft because it squashes.