Properties of Materials

hard

not easily broken or pierced



squashy

easily crushed or squeezed



The play dough is squashy.

smooth

an even and regular surface



Some smooth pebbles.

absorbent

able to soak up liquid



The sponge is absorbent.

bumpy

uneven, raised patches



This shell is bumpy.

opaque

cannot be seen through



She is hidden by the opaque screen.

dull

lacking shine or brightness



The moth's wings are dull.

brittle

hard, but may break easily



The glass is brittle.

translucent

allowing some light to pass through



The screen is translucent.



Properties of Materials

rigid

unable to be bent or forced out of shape



Stone is rigid.

transparent

can be seen through



This glass is transparent.

soft

not firm to the touch



The kitten has soft fur.

flexible

able to bend



A flexible spring.

rough

uneven, irregular surface



The log has rough bark.

waterproof

repels water and liquids



A waterproof coat.

elastic

springs back once stretched



An elastic band.

shiny

reflects light, smooth surface



A shiny silver spoon.

conductor

lets heat, electricity or sound to pass through it



Some metals are conductors of electricity.

