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What is wood?



Wood is a natural material.
It is found in the world around us.



Wood is from trees.



Wood can be hard.



Wood can be smooth.



Some wood is heavy.



Some wood is light.

What happens when wood is set on fire?



Wood burns when it is set on fire.



Flames make the wood burn.



Burning wood makes light and heat.



A powder called ash is left when wood burns.

How does water change wood?



Water can change wood.



Wood changes if it is in water for a long time.

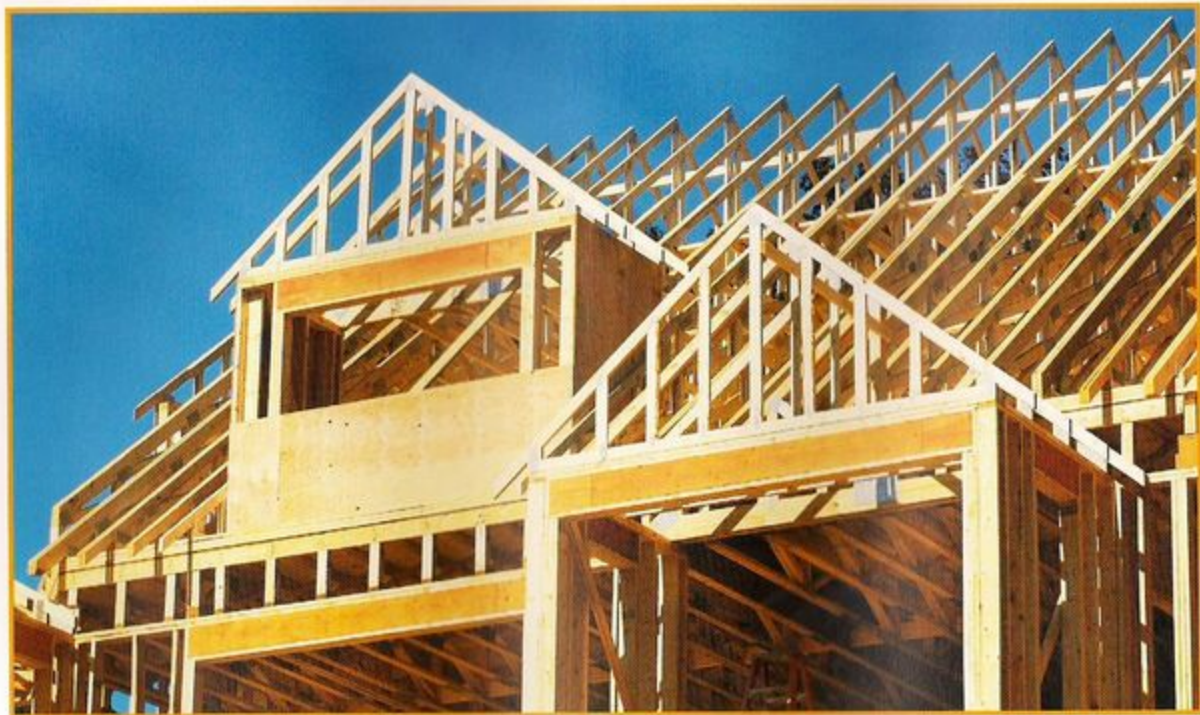


Wet wood can become soft.



If wood is wet and soft, we say it is rotten.

How do people use wood?



Wood can be used to make buildings.



Wood can be used to make paper.

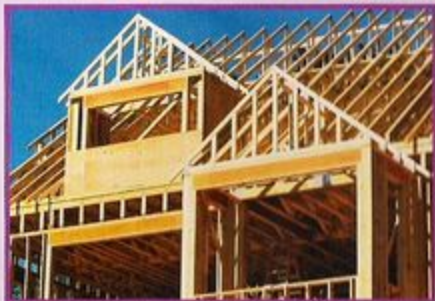


Wood can be used to make fires in our homes.



Wood can be used to make lots of things.

Things made of wood



▲ houses



▲ tables and chairs



▲ sculptures



▲ paper

Picture glossary



natural in the world around us.
Plants, animals, rocks, water, and soil
are part of the natural world.



powder very tiny pieces of soft,
dry stuff



rotten broken down by water

Content vocabulary for teachers

material something that can be used to make things

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Notes for parents and teachers

Before reading Put items made of materials such as wood, plastic, metal, rock, and rubber in a closed bag. Challenge the children to feel in the bag and, without looking, identify the object made of wood. What does it feel like? Is it cold to touch? Is it heavy? Talk about the properties of wood. Ask the children where we get wood from and talk about trees and forests.

After reading

- Show children different examples of wood – dark wood such as mahogany, light wood such as beech, red wood such as cherry. Encourage them to describe the colour of the wood and the effect of the grain.
- Play “I Spy”. Challenge the children to think of something made of wood and to give the rest of the group the starting letter. For example, “I spy with my little eye something made of wood beginning with ‘d’” [door].

Wood



What happens when wood is heated?

Read this book to learn all about wood.

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