

Technical English 2 (Blue Book)

Definitions of Basic Terms

Unit 5- Descriptions

1. cube: a square shaped figure with six equal square sides
2. cone: a figure with a round flat base and sides that slope up to a point i.e. ice-cream cone
3. dome: a round roof with a circular base, or a building shaped like this
4. sphere: a figure that is completely round, e.g. a ball
5. hemisphere: half a sphere, i.e, one half of the earth
6. calculator: a small electronic device for calculating using numbers and symbols
7. conductor: a material or substance that allows heat or electricity to pass through it
8. stabiliser: a device that keeps something balanced used on a mechanical vehicle
9. carburetor: the part of an engine where petrol and air are mixed together
10. chisel: a tool with a sharp flat edge at the end used for shaping wood or metal
11. clamp: a tool for holding two or more pieces (of wood or metal) tightly together
12. jump leads: two cables (red and black) that are used to start a car engine when the battery is flat
13. protractor: an instrument for measuring and drawing angles in Mathematics
14. dashboard: the control board of a car in front of a driver that has levers & switches
15. hull: the bottom outer part of a ship that sits in and above the water line
16. junction: the place where two or more roads meet or cross

17. tripod:

a vertical support with three legs for a camera, telescope, etc.