

## Architecture vocabulary by category

*Choose one of the words below that you know and explain which one you are thinking of without using any part of its name until your partner works out which one you are talking about.*

Floor  
Ceiling  
Socket  
Air conditioning  
Double glazing  
Handle

Fitted kitchen  
Open-plan dining room/ kitchen  
Balcony  
Playground  
(Roof top) terrace  
Veranda

Ground floor/ First floor  
Fire escape  
Lift/ Elevator  
Bicycle racks  
Basement/ Cellar  
Roof  
Foundation  
Mezzanine  
Penthouse  
Sewage  
Communal area  
Lobby  
Gate  
Partition wall  
Window cleaning cradle  
Skylight

Detached house  
Semi-detached house  
Terraced house  
Bungalow  
Cottage  
Mansion

Block of flats/ Apartment building/ Apartment block  
Old people's home/ Nursing home  
Care home  
Community centre  
Multi storey car park  
Skyscraper  
Luxury flats/ Condo  
Shopping centre/ Mall  
Studio flats  
Health centre/ clinic  
Hospital  
Department store  
Public building

Brick  
Reinforced concrete  
Tile  
Stone  
Wood  
Nails  
Glue  
Paint  
Plaster  
Wallpaper  
Plywood  
Insulation  
Screw

CAD programmes  
Pen tablet  
Set square  
Ruler  
Protractor  
Rubber/ Eraser  
Foam/ Styrofoam  
Automatic pencil/ Mechanical pencil  
Compass  
GPS  
Surveying equipment

Plan  
Drawing  
Sketch  
3D model  
Doodle  
Blueprint

Concierge  
Security guard  
Builder  
Bricklayer  
Surveyor  
Site manager  
Landscape architect  
Plumber  
Electrician  
Civil engineer  
Interior designer  
Decorator  
Carpenter  
Electrician  
Safety inspector  
Roofer  
Plasterer  
Architectural engineer

**Useful language**

You can find it...

It's used for...

It's (usually/ always) made of...

*What are the differences between the words divided by dashes (/)?*

*The words are arranged into groups above. What does each group represent?*

*Match these headings to the groups of words above.*

**People**

**Materials**

**Equipment**

**Parts of a room**

**Parts of a house or flat**

**Parts of a building**

**Types of house**

**Types of other buildings**

**Things architects do and produce**

*Which categories from above are and aren't useful in your work?*

*In the categories which are useful, which words are and aren't useful?*

*Which words from above are most useful to describe your job to someone?*