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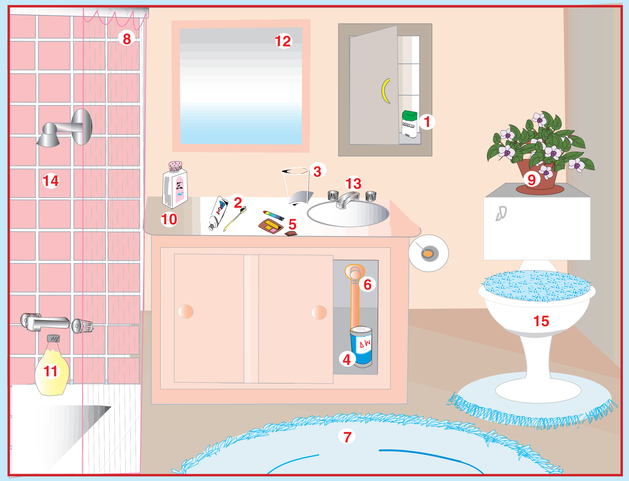
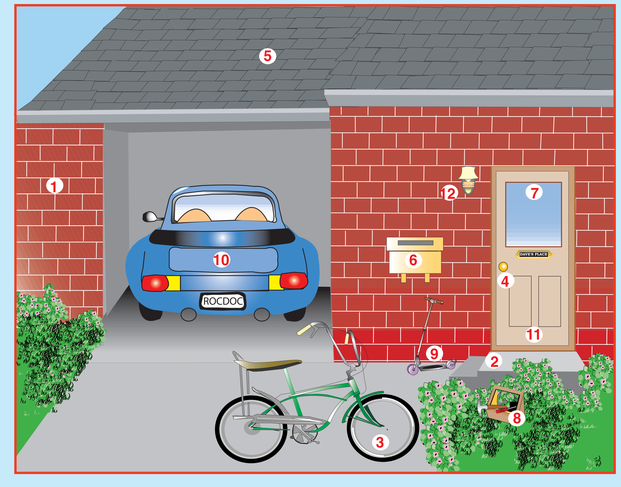
1. DEODORANT: Includes aluminum and the container is made of petroleum products.
2. TOOTH PASTE: Includes fluorite, barite and calcite. The container is made of petroleum products or aluminum.
3. DRINKING GLASSES: Includes feldspar, silica and soda ash.
4. ABRASIVE CLEANSER: Includes silica or calcite.
5. LIPSTICK AND MAKEUP: Includes clay, mica, talc, limestone and petroleum products.
6. PLUMBING: Made of copper, clay and petroleum products.
7. RUGS: Includes limestone, petroleum products and selenium.
8. PLASTIC SHOWER CURTAINS: Contains petroleum products.
9. FLOWER POT: Made of clays and metallic minerals for pigments in glaze.
10. TALCUM POWDER: Contains talc and mica.
11. DANDRUFF SHAMPOO: Includes coal tar, lithium clays and selenium. The container is made of petroleum products.
12. MIRROR: Includes feldspar, silica and silver.
13. FAUCETS: Includes iron, nickel and chromium.
14. TILES: Made of clay, feldspar, wollastonite or talc, mineral pigments.
15. TOILET: Includes clays, silica, copper, zinc, petroleum products and borates.



1. RADIO: Includes aluminum, copper, gold, iron and petroleum products.
2. TOASTER: Includes copper, iron, nickel, mica, chromium and petroleum products.
3. ELECTRICAL WIRING: Includes copper, aluminum and petroleum products.
4. MICROWAVE: Includes copper, gold, iron, nickel and silica.
5. STOVE: Includes aluminum, copper, iron, nickel and silica.
6. REFRIGERATOR: Includes aluminum, copper, iron, nickel, petroleum products and zinc.
7. TABLE SALT: Includes halite; light salt can be made from sylvite. Most salt has added iodine.
8. PLATES: Includes clays, silica and feldspar.
9. CUTLERY: Includes iron, nickel, silver and chromium.
10. CLOCK: Includes iron, nickel, petroleum products and silica.
11. STAINLESS STEEL SINK: Includes iron and nickel.
12. BLACKBOARD: Includes clays. Chalk includes limestone or petroleum products.
13. MAGNET: Includes cobalt.
14. DISH RACK: Made of petroleum products.

1. COMPUTER: Includes gold, silica, nickel, aluminum, zinc, iron, petroleum products, and about thirty other minerals.
2. PENCIL: Includes graphite and clays.
3. TELEPHONE: Includes copper, gold and petroleum products.
4. BOOKS: Includes limestone and clays.
5. PENS: Includes limestone, mica, petroleum products, clays, silica and talc.
6. FILM: Includes petroleum products and silver.
7. CAMERA: Includes silica, zinc, copper, aluminum and petroleum products.
8. CHAIR: Includes aluminum and petroleum products.
9. TELEVISION: Includes aluminum, copper, iron, nickel, silica, rare earths, and strontium.
10. STEREO: Includes gold, iron, nickel, beryllium and petroleum products.
11. COMPACT DISC: Includes aluminum and petroleum products.
12. METAL CHEST: Includes iron and nickel. The brass trim is made of copper and zinc.
13. CARPET: Includes limestone, petroleum products and selenium.
14. DRYWALL: Includes gypsum, clay, vermiculite, calcium carbonate and micas.



1. BRICKS: Includes graphite, clays and silica.
2. CONCRETE STEP: Includes gypsum, iron, limestone, clays and silica.
3. BIKE: Includes barite, iron, nickel and petroleum products.
4. DOOR KNOB: Includes copper and zinc, which make brass.
5. SHINGLES: Includes petroleum products and clays.
6. MAIL BOX: Includes copper and zinc, which make brass.
7. WINDOWS: Includes silica, feldspar, soda ash, coal and salt.
8. TOOLS: Includes iron and nickel.
9. SCOOTER: Includes aluminum, calcite, mica, nickel, petroleum products, clays, silica and talc.
10. AUTOMOBILE: Includes aluminum, barite, calcite, iron, lead, mica, nickel, petroleum products, clays, silica and zinc.
11. PAINT: Includes titanium, gypsum, barite and sulfur.
12. LIGHT AND FIXTURE: Includes tungsten, molybdenum, aluminum, silica, copper and zinc.

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