

FISH TERMINOLOGIES

Object Material Thesaurus

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Notes: Thesaurus of the substance or substances out of which an object is or can be made.

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ALABASTER

SN Alabaster is a name applied to varieties of two distinct minerals: gypsum and calcite. The finer kinds of alabaster are employed as an ornamental stone, especially for internal decoration as its softness allows it to be carved into elaborate forms.

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT MINERAL

ALLOY

SN A metallic substance made by combining two or more elements at least one of which is a metal. Use more specific terms where known.

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT METAL
NT BRASS
BRONZE
COPPER ALLOY
LEAD ALLOY
PEWTER
STEEL
RT ANTIMONY

ALUMINIUM

SN A white ductile metal used, for example, in alloys, for instruments, and in aircraft construction.

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT METAL

AMBER

SN A semi-precious, fossilised resin usually used for ornamentation and jewellery.

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT MINERAL

AMETHYST

SN A purple or violet variety of quartz often used in jewellery. Amethyst is a semi-precious stone which owes its violet colour to irradiation, iron impurities, and the presence of trace elements, which result in complex crystal lattice substitutions.

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT QUARTZ

AMPHIBOLITE

SN A coarse grained metamorphic rock that is composed mainly of green, brown or black amphibole minerals and plagioclase feldspar. Amphiboles are usually members of the hornblende group.

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT STONE

ANIMAL

SN Pertaining to or deriving from a living organism. See ANIMAL Class list for narrow terms.

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
NT BONE
HORN
LEATHER
SHELL
TOOTH

ANTIMONY

SN A metallic element often used in alloys and historically used in pottery and glass-making,

paints, enamelling, and in cosmetics and medicine. Often derived from its sulphite ore, stibnite.

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT METAL
RT ALLOY

ANTLER

SN A form of bone, which grows on the heads of members of the deer family and is shed annually. Antler can be used by man for a variety of purposes

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT BONE

BAKELITE

SN An early plastic formed from a condensation reaction of phenol with formaldehyde which was developed by Leo Baekeland in 1907.

CL OBJECT MATERIAL

BEECH

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT WOOD

BIRCH

SN The timber from genus Betula, found in Europe and North America, particularly in northern regions.

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT WOOD

BONE

SN Any of the pieces of hard tissue consisting largely of calcium phosphate that make up the skeleton of a vertebrate animal.

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT ANIMAL
NT ANTLER

BRASS

SN Easily formed metal alloy composed of copper and zinc.

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT ALLOY

BRONZE

SN Hard, corrosive alloy of copper and tin.

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT ALLOY

CARNELIAN

UF Cornelian

SN A brownish-red mineral commonly used as a semi-precious gemstone. A variety of the silica mineral chalcedony coloured by impurities of iron oxide.

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT STONE

CEMENT

SN Originally obtained by burning limestone to produce quicklime. Now a fine grey powder made from a mixture of limestone and clay used with water and sand to make mortar or with water, sand and aggregate to make concrete.

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT MINERAL

CERAMIC

- SN A hard material formed by firing clay. For pottery, use POTTERY.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL

CHALK

- SN Soft, white, porous sedimentary rock, a form of limestone composed of the mineral calcite.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT STONE

CHARCOAL

- SN The black, lightweight and porous residue of partly burnt wood.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL

CHERT

- SN A hard silica rich rock, black or brown coloured, commonly found in nodular form.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL

CLAY

- SN A fine grained earth which becomes more plastic when water is added and can be moulded and dried to make bricks, tile, pottery, etc.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL

COAL

- SN Use for objects made from coal or for stray finds of coal where the association with a wreck site is not proven and thus cannot be stated as either cargo or bunkers.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL

CONCRETE

- SN Composed of sand, stones or other aggregate and cement mixed with water which sets in a hard mass. The material is usually associated with modern building but was developed by Romans where cement was obtained from quicklime.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL

COPPER

- SN Metal used primarily for roofing and ornamental purposes, being lighter and stronger than lead.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT METAL

COPPER ALLOY

- SN An alloy where the predominant component metal is copper.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT ALLOY

Cornelian

USE **CARNELIAN**

DOLERITE

- SN Coarse basaltic rock.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT STONE

EARTHENWARE

- SN A clay-based ceramic fired at low kiln

temperatures (c.800-1200 degrees). Essentially, earthenwares are porous and require glazing for most applications. This term has been used interchangeably with TERRACOTTA and with POTTERY

- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT POTTERY

EBONY

- SN Dark and dense hardwood timber which may be sourced from various species of true ebony from southern Asia and Africa, but the name may also be given to dark hardwoods from elsewhere, e.g. the Americas.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT WOOD

ELM

- SN A hard, durable wood obtained from trees of the genus Ulmus.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT WOOD

EMERALD

- SN A green coloured gemstone. A variety of the mineral beryl coloured green by trace amounts of chromium and sometimes vanadium.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL

ENAMEL

- SN A coloured, glass-like substance (opaque or partially opaque) that is fused to the surface of metal or glass or pottery for decorative or protective purposes.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL

FAIENCE

- SN A glass-like compound first made in ancient Egypt. It involves coating a core material of powdered quartz with a vitreous alkaline glaze. Also the name given to a tin-glazed earthenware.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL

FELT

- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT TEXTILE

Fiberglass

USE **FIBREGLASS**

FIBREGLASS

- UF Fiberglass
Glass Fibre
- SN A material made from extremely fine fibres of glass and is used as a reinforcing agent for many polymer products.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- RT GLASS

FIR

- SN The wood of the evergreen coniferous tree characterized by single needle-like leaves and erect cones.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT WOOD

FLINT

- SN Hard, durable, dark grey stone, the purest native form of silica, which can either be used decoratively or as a main material. Predominantly found in East Anglia and the South East.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL

GARNET

- SN A silicate mineral used since the Bronze Age as gemstones and abrasives. Found in many colours including red, orange, yellow, green, purple, brown, blue, black, pink and colourless.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL

GLASS

- SN Transparent, hard substance made by fusing soda-silica which solidifies from a molten state.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL
- RT FIBREGLASS

Glass Fibre

- USE FIBREGLASS

GOLD

- SN A precious metal characterized by its yellow colour and resistance to tarnishing.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT METAL

GRANITE

- SN A hard, coarse grained, durable igneous rock. Can be used decoratively or as a main material. Found throughout the country.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT STONE

GRAPHITE

- SN Crystalline allotropic form of carbon used in pencils, as a lubricant etc.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL

GREENSTONE

- SN Geologist's term for any dark coloured, slightly metamorphosed igneous rock. Index with specific stone type where given.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT STONE

HAZEL

- SN A commonly coppiced wood from the genus *Corylus*.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT WOOD

HERTFORDSHIRE PUDDINGSTONE

- SN A conglomerate rock comprising well rounded flint pebbles in a very hard matrix of fine pale coloured sand, bound together by hard natural silica cement. The pebbles are usually coloured ochre or red and have black rims.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT PUDDINGSTONE

HORN

- SN Horn is a hollow, bone-like projection consisting

mainly of keratin, found on certain animals (sheep, cows, goats etc.)

- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT ANIMAL

IRON

- SN A malleable, ductile ferromagnetic metal widely used for structural and decorative purposes.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT METAL

IVORY

- SN A hard, white, fine-grained substance forming the main part of the tusks of elephants, walrus, hippos and narwhals.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT TOOTH

JADE

- SN An ornamental green stone of the mineral nephrite.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT STONE
- RT JADEITE

JADEITE

- SN A hard, translucent variety of jade which is rarer than the other varieties of nephrite as a result considered to be the best and very desirable.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT STONE
- RT JADE

JET

- SN A hard, black form of lignite that takes a brilliant polish. It is used in jewellery and for ornamentation.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL

LARCH

- SN A deciduous conifer native to Britain and Europe supplying durable and waterproof timber suitable for shipbuilding features such as masts.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT WOOD

LAVA

- SN A hard, igneous rock formed from the cooling of molten volcanic magma.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT STONE

LEAD

- SN Metal used primarily for roof coverings and window fittings. It is easy to work, can be worked cold and does not rust which makes it suitable for holding or repelling water.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT METAL

LEAD ALLOY

- SN Metal alloy with lead as the principal component.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT ALLOY

LEATHER

- SN Animal skin that has been hardened or treated by a tanning process.

CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT ANIMAL

LIMESTONE

SN Sedimentary rock consisting mainly of calcium carbonate. Varying in grain size, colour and hardness, quarried and used throughout the country.
CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT STONE

MARBLE

SN Collective name for, in a true geological sense, a metamorphosed limestone, eg. Carrara marble, and, in the British sense any decorative stone that will take a polish, eg. Purbeck marble. In the latter's case index with specific stone type where given
CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT STONE

METAL

SN Class of elements and alloys that are characteristically lustrous, ductile, fusible and malleable. These are extracted from ore minerals originally existing in nature and processed before becoming a recognisable metal. See METAL Class List for narrow terms
CL OBJECT MATERIAL
NT ALLOY
ALUMINIUM
ANTIMONY
COPPER
GOLD
IRON
LEAD
SILVER
TIN
ZINC

MINERAL

SN Natural inorganic substance possessing a definite chemical composition in a crystalline form. See MINERAL Class List for narrow terms.
CL OBJECT MATERIAL
NT ALABASTER
AMBER
CEMENT
CHERT
CLAY
COAL
CONCRETE
EMERALD
ENAMEL
FAIENCE
FLINT
GARNET
GLASS
GRAPHITE
JET
OBSIDIAN
PLASTER
POTTERY
QUARTZ
QUARTZITE
STONE
VARISCITE

MUDSTONE

SN A sedimentary rock composed of fine grained clay particles. Flaky mudstone is called shale.
CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT STONE

OAK

SN A native hardwood of the Beech family with hard and durable characteristics which traditionally made it appropriate for structural work.
CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT WOOD

OBJECT MATERIAL

SN Materials used in the manufacture of objects.
CL OBJECT MATERIAL
NT ANIMAL
BAKELITE
CERAMIC
CHARCOAL
FIBREGLASS
METAL
MINERAL
PAPER
RUBBER
TEXTILE
WOOD

OBSIDIAN

SN A form of volcanic glass with similar properties to FLINT and often used in the manufacture of sharp-edged tools.
CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT MINERAL

ONYX

SN Onyx is a cryptocrystalline form of quartz. It is a semi-precious stone that is usually cut as a cabochon, or into beads, and is also used for intaglios and cameos.
CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT QUARTZ

PAPER

SN A thin, flexible material made from the pulp of wood or other fibrous matter which is then pressed and dried to form sheets.
CL OBJECT MATERIAL

PEWTER

SN An alloy which is composed predominantly of tin (c.85-99 percent).
CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT ALLOY

PINE

SN A straight-grained, durable and often resinous timber obtained from trees of the genus Pinus.
CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT WOOD

PLASTER

SN A building material used for coating walls and ceilings. Plaster can refer to gypsum plaster (also known as plaster of Paris), lime plaster, or cement plaster.
CL OBJECT MATERIAL
BT MINERAL

POTTERY

- SN A ceramic made from clay and fired in a kiln or oven. This term has been used interchangeably with EARTHENWARE and with TERRACOTTA
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL
- NT EARTHENWARE
TERRACOTTA

PUDDINGSTONE

- SN Conglomerate consisting of rounded flint pebbles held together in a natural silica and sand cement.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT STONE
- NT HERTFORDSHIRE PUDDINGSTONE

QUARTZ

- SN Hard, transparent, often coloured mineral. Can be found on its own as crystals and veins but also as a major constituent of rocks such as granite. Often used decoratively.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL
- NT AMETHYST
ONYX

QUARTZITE

- SN Medium grained, hard, white/grey coloured stone consisting of quartz and often silica, produced by the metamorphosis of sandstone.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL

RUBBER

- SN Elastic polymeric substance made from the latex of a tropical plant or synthetically
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL

SANDSTONE

- SN Geologically sandstone consists of particles of quartz naturally cemented together by either silica, calcium or iron. It is this geological composition that accounts for the varying colours and grain sizes found in the many building sandstones.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT STONE

SCHIST

- SN Medium to coarse grained metamorphic rock, colour being determined by its dominant mineral. Often used for floor and wall cladding.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT STONE

SHALE

- SN Soft, very fine grained, dark coloured, sedimentary rock which splits easily.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT STONE

SHELL

- SN Hard, protective covering made largely of calcium salts secreted by soft bodied invertebrate animals.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT ANIMAL

SILTSTONE

- SN A sedimentary rock primarily composed of silt sized particles.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT STONE

SILVER

- SN A precious metal of lustrous white colour with great malleability and ductility.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT METAL

SLATE

- SN Collective term for a hard, fine grained, dark coloured metamorphic rock, which splits easily; hence its common use as a roofing and flooring material, and a functional description for any rectangular, sheet, roofing material.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT STONE

SPRUCE

- SN A light, soft, moderately-strong wood obtained from trees of the genus Picea.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT WOOD

STEEL

- SN A strong, durable alloy of iron and carbon.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT ALLOY

STONE

- SN Rock of definite form and size, usually artificially shaped.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL
- NT AMPHIBOLITE
CARNELIAN
CHALK
DOLERITE
GRANITE
GREENSTONE
JADE
JADEITE
LAVA
LIMESTONE
MARBLE
MUDSTONE
PUDDINGSTONE
SANDSTONE
SCHIST
SHALE
SILTSTONE
SLATE

TAMARAC

- SN North American wood, the name being applied either to the American Larch; or to the Black or Ridge-pole Pine of inland areas; and the Scrub Pine of maritime regions.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT WOOD

TEAK

- SN A strong durable wood originating in India and south-east Asia.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT WOOD

TERRACOTTA

- SN Hard, unglazed, brown, versatile earthenware which can be used as a tile or moulded into statuary.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT POTTERY

TEXTILE

- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- NT FELT

TIN

- SN A soft, lustrous low-melting crystalline metallic element that is malleable and ductile at ordinary temperatures and that is used as a protective coating, in tinfoil, and in soft solders and alloys.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT METAL

TOOTH

- SN A hard, bone-like material obtained from animal teeth.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT ANIMAL
- NT IVORY

Uthelite

- USE VARISCITE

VARISCITE

- UF Uthelite
- SN A hydrated aluminium phosphate mineral sometimes used as a semi-precious stone, and for carvings and ornamental use. Named after Variscia, the historical name of the Vogtland in Germany. Mainly green in colour.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT MINERAL

WOOD

- SN A hard, compact, unprocessed, fibrous cellulose substance. The roots, trunks and branches of trees and shrubs consist of this tissue.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- NT BEECH
BIRCH
EBONY
ELM
FIR
HAZEL
LARCH
OAK
PINE
SPRUCE
TAMARAC
TEAK

ZINC

- SN Blue-white metal, obtained from ore, and used commercially for roofing, galvanizing iron, or in alloys. Also used in the 19th century as sheathing for ship's hulls.
- CL OBJECT MATERIAL
- BT METAL