Architecture vocabulary

Brainstorm at least two pieces of vocabulary into each of the categories below:

People associated with buildings

Materials associated with buildings

Equipment that architects use

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
Match the groups of words below to the categories above.

Floor
Socket
Double glazing

Ceiling
Air conditioning
Handle

Fitted kitchen
Balcony
(Roof top) terrace

Open-plan dining room/ kitchen
Playground
Veranda

Ground floor/ First floor
Lift/ Elevator
Basement/ Cellar
Foundation
Penthouse
Communal area
Gate
Window cleaning cradle

Fire escape
Bicycle racks
Roof
Mezzanine
Sewage
Lobby
Partition wall
Skylight

Detached house
Terraced house
Cottage

Semi-detached house
Bungalow
Mansion

Block of flats/ Apartment building
Care home
Multi storey car park
Luxury flats/ Condo
Studio flats
Hospital
Public building

Old people’s home/ Nursing home
Community centre
Skyscraper
Shopping centre/ Mall
Health centre/ clinic
Department store

Brick
Tile
Wood
Glue
Plaster
Plywood
Screw

Reinforced concrete
Stone
Nails
Paint
Wallpaper
Insulation

CAD programmes
Set square
Protractor
Foam/ Styrofoam
Compass
Surveying equipment

Pen tablet
Ruler
Rubber/ Eraser
Automatic pencil/ Mechanical pencil
GPS

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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

Choose one of the words above 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.

### 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 (–)?

Which categories from above are and aren’t useful for you to talk about your work?

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