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Plastering word list N-Z

Useful words	Meaning
nvq	National Vocational Qualification (abbreviation) <i>Job applicants will need to have achieved a suitable NVQ at level 2.</i>
partition	A thin wall dividing a space into two parts (noun) <i>A partition wall was constructed to alter the large bedroom to two smaller rooms.</i>
perimeter	The distance around the edge of something (noun) <i>James measured the perimeter of the room to work out the amount of skirting board required.</i>
plasterboard	Board made from plaster and heavy paper (noun) <i>Plasterboard can be used for wall and ceiling linings.</i>
plasterer	A person who works with plaster and other materials to finish walls, ceilings and floors (noun) <i>The plasterer gave a quote to prepare all the walls in the house.</i>
plasticizer	A mortar additive (noun) <i>Plasticizer makes mortar easier to work with.</i>
platform	A flat raised structure to allow access to heights (noun) <i>The accident happened because the working platform was unsafe.</i>
plumb	Vertical, upright (adjective) <i>A spirit level can be used to check whether a surface is plumb.</i>
polish	To finish off a plastered surface with a trowel or float (verb) <i>The plasterer polished the skim surface with a dampened plastering trowel.</i>
ppe	Personal Protective Equipment (abbreviation) <i>PPE is designed to protect you. For example helmets or safety goggles.</i>

preparation	Something done in advance in order to be ready (noun) <i>Preparations for plastering should include the removal of any loose or flaking plaster.</i>
render	A mixture of sand and cement (noun) <i>External plastering is normally called rendering.</i>
riddor	Reporting Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences (acronym) <i>If you witness an accident on site you may be asked to complete a RIDDOR form.</i>
scraper	A small tool used to remove unwanted coverings on walls (noun) <i>Jason used a scraper to remove all the raised points of the textured surface.</i>
screed	A smooth concrete surface used on floors (noun) <i>The flooring tiles were laid in top of the screed.</i>
skim	The thin outside layer of plaster on a wall (noun) <i>When finishing off a new plaster skim it is important to wet the blade of the trowel as you smooth the surface.</i>
spread	To apply or put on (verb) <i>Surjit spread the plaster evenly across the wall surface.</i>
stucco	A fine kind of render (noun) <i>Stucco is used to cover and decorate external walls.</i>
surface	The outermost part of something (noun) <i>Surjit spread the plaster evenly across the surface of the wall.</i>
trowel	A hand tool used by plasterers (noun) <i>A plastering trowel is used for spreading, shaping and smoothing plaster.</i>
ventilation	The movement or circulation of fresh air (noun) <i>Good ventilation is very important when dealing with hazardous materials.</i>

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