



Unit 14 – Different types of walls

Solution: see Audioscript

Task 08. Fill in the missing words from the box.

wheel barrow – joints – bond – trench – string – wall – row –
 foundation – spirit level – half a brick – measure – concrete –
 mortar – stakes – brick – course

Word bank

string Schnur
stake Pfahl, Pfosten
measure (verb) (ab)messen
stake out abstecken
dig out ausgraben
trench Graben
even glatt, flach
guideline Richtlinie
straight gerade
level hier: waagrecht, „in der Waage“
scrape away wegkratzen
inward nach innen
accurately genau, sorgfältig
excess überflüssig

For building a low _____ you will need: bricks and mortar, water, a tape measure, a string, a shovel, a wheel barrow, a trowel, a spirit level and stakes:

Step 1: _____ and stake out the size you want your wall to be. Then dig out a _____ for your _____. It should be at least 60 cm deep.

Step 2: Mix and pour _____ into the trench. Make sure the foundation is even.

Step 3: Mix _____ in your _____. Attach a _____ around two _____ as a guideline for the first course. This ensures the wall will be straight.

Step 4: Put mortar onto the foundation. Take a _____ and put it onto the mortar. Press the brick down firmly.

Step 5: Trowel more mortar onto the foundation and lay bricks in a _____. Use the _____ to make sure they are level. Scrape away any extra mortar as you work.

Step 6: Start the second course with _____ and continue building your wall from the ends inward.

Step 7: Make sure the _____ are accurately filled with mortar and scrape away any excess mortar with a trowel.

Step 8: Add courses to finish the _____. Don't forget to start every second course with half a brick. Consider using a spirit level as a vertical guide, after every second _____.