



Unit 21 – Excavating the soil on site

Solution: see Audioscript

Task 10. Fill in the missing words from the box.

bucket – heavy-plant – operator's cab – excavators – trenches – trade fair – shovel –
tracks – exhibitors – wheels – building industry

Reporter:

Hello from the “bauma”, which is the world's leading _____ for construction machinery, mining machines and construction equipment. More than 500,000 visitors are expected this year and the 3,500 or so _____, are reporting a lot of interest in their products. This is a very positive economic sign for the _____.

Today, I would like to do a short quiz with you. I'll describe some _____ and you decide what I'm talking about. Put down your answers – maybe you'll win a prize.

The first heavy-plant we are looking at is equipped with a big metal plate in the front used to push large quantities of soil or other material during construction work. It has _____ instead of _____.

Next comes this heavy-plant also used in construction. It runs on wheels and has a front _____, mounted on arms. Usually, it loads materials such as rock, gravel, sand or other types of soil into trucks, so they can transport it away from the building site.

The last heavy-plant is useful for digging _____, loading trucks and lifting objects. Their sizes range from “mini” to big sized ones. These have operating weights of a quarter of a million pounds – that is about 115 tons – or more. They also run on tracks, have a _____ in the front and a rotating _____ and platform.

Did you get it right? Congratulations! Now, stay tuned and watch the ballet of _____ which will start in just a few moments ...