



Unit 14 – Different types of walls

Task 08

Announcer: Listen to the steps of building a brick wall.

Narrator: For building a low wall you will need: bricks and mortar, water, a tape measure, a string, a shovel, a wheelbarrow, a trowel, a spirit level and stakes:

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

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

Step 3: Mix mortar in your wheel barrow. Attach a string around two stakes as a guideline for the first course. This ensures the wall will be straight.

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

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

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

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

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

We have just been building a special type of bond. Can you tell me which one it is?