

Furniture Terms

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Furniture Terminology PH 6

There are a number of questions in the theory exam that consist of a mix of Furniture Terms. You may be asked to explain the term and give an example of where it can be found or used or to draw the item.

Typically, you are required to know 2 out of 3 terms or 3 out of 4 terms to achieve a correct marks. **DO NOT** give short one-or-2-word answers.

Your answers must prove that you know what term is. For example, **Explain the Term Lock rail:** if you answered found on a door, this would be wrong. Correct answer would be **The middle cross rail on a panel door that houses the locking mechanism.**

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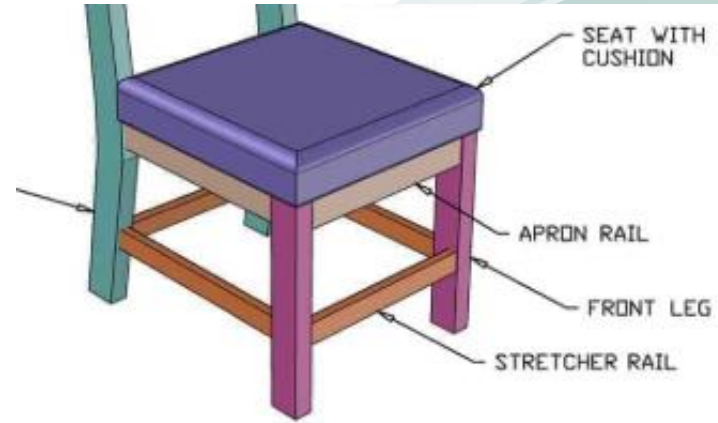
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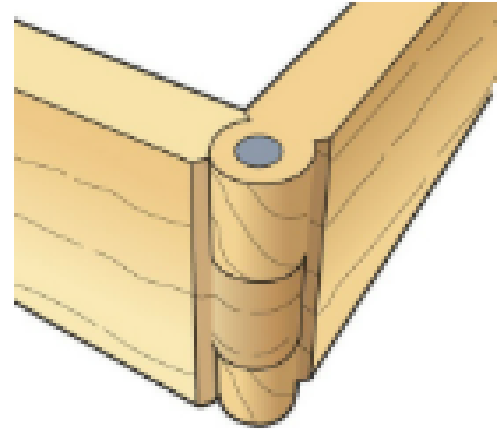
- Skirt/Apron rail: A rail joining the legs of a table or chair directly under the table/seat.
- Swan necked pediment: A decorative piece can be solid or pierced in the shape of a swan's neck can be found on elaborate high class furniture cabinets.
- Bureau: A writing desk typically with inclined fall flap.
- Finial: Small turning found at the top of a turned chair leg or on a newel post of a stairs or part of a pediment.
- Loper: a pull out sliding runner located on either side of a drawer and below a fall flap of a writing bureau. The loper supports the writing fall flap.



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Answers

- Knuckle joint: Can be found on the end of a fly rail/fly leg used to support the drop leaf on a drop leaf table. [Trend Glossary](#)
- Occasional table: Term used to describe small freestanding tables such as coffee or side tables.
- Pigeon hole section: A series of compartments used for storing stationary found in a writing bureau behind the fall flap.
- Pedestal table: A table supported by a column or pedestal.



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- Tambour door: A sliding door consisting of timber slats with a canvas backing, the door runs in a groove in the carcass.
- Bird cage support: This sits on top of a pedestal and is used to secure the underneath of the table top.
- Plinth: The term for the squared base of a piece of furniture if it does not have legs.
- Kneehole section: The central part of a writing desk between two pedestals.



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- Frieze: The flat rail under the cornice at the top of the unit, can be veneered with short grain veneer or can have applied fret work.
- Tri Pod table: A table with a turned pod and 3 legs.
- Rule joint: The rule joint is used on drop leaf tables in conjunction with a rule joint hinge which connects the drop leaf to the table top edge.



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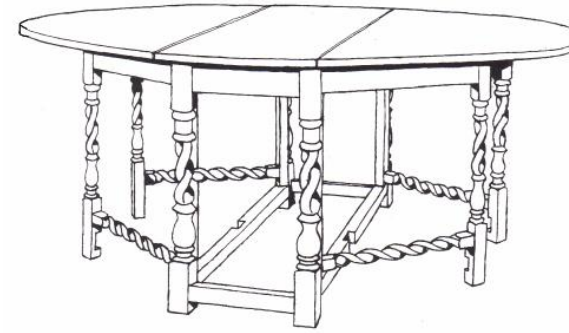
- Slat back/ ladder back: A chair back consisting of a number of horizontal slats or rails.
- Stretcher: The bottom most rail on a table or chair often forming an H, X or Y shape, the stretcher runs between the legs of a chair or table to reinforce the structure.
- Tilt top tripod table: A pod table with 3 legs and a moveable top that tilts upright to allow for easy storage when not in use.



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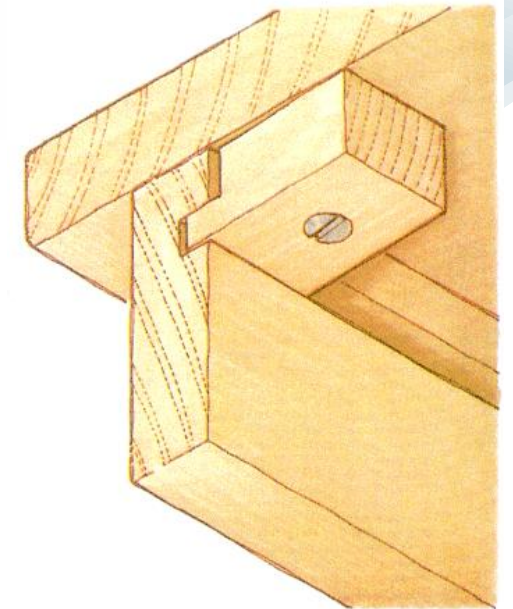
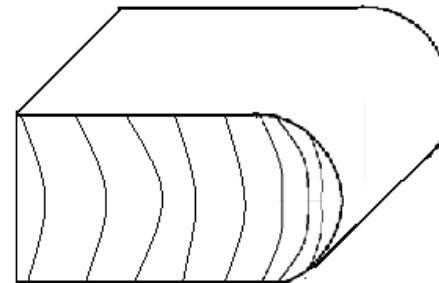
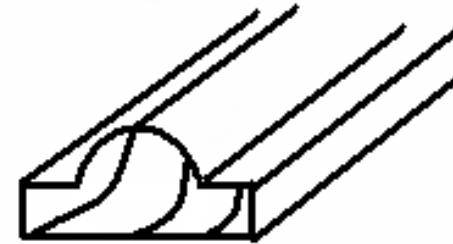
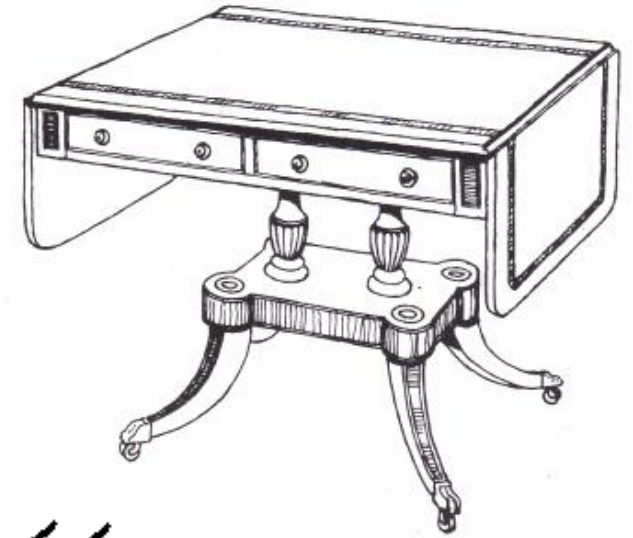
- Gate leg table: A kitchen table, that extends using a movable gate style leg to support the drop leaf.
- Serpentine top: The front edge of the top is similar in appearance similar to the shape of a curved snake.
- Lowback / upstand: A small shaped upright piece found at the back on the topside of table / locker tops to prevent small items from falling down behind the Furniture.
- Quadrant stay hinge: A hinge that is used on a trinket box, it is also a stay to keep the lid from opening more than the 90° and keeping it open.



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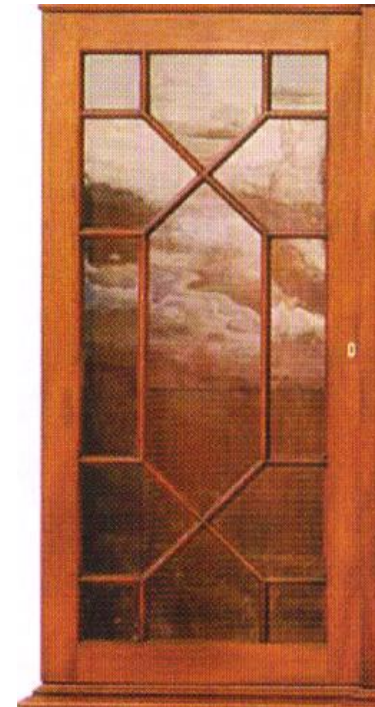
- **Sofa Table:** A drop leaf table with leaves on short side and two drawers on long side.
- **Astragal moulding:** A decorative moulding shaped like a semicircle on a rectangle found on furniture doors, drawers, glazing bars and cornices.
- **Bullnose:** A round moulding shaped like a semicircle found on stair treads, shelves and window boards.
- **Button Fixing:** A Traditional method using wooden buttons to hold the top in place while allowing movement.



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- Break front: When part of the front line of the furniture protrudes past the rest of the unit like in Break front Bookcases.
- Bow front tall boy: A unit consisting of wardrobe and drawers that bow outwards at the front. Doors and drawers are curved.
- 13 Pane Barr Door: A Chippendale style door with 13 individual panes of glass in the design. Design consists of a square in each corner, a rectangle centre of each long side and a crisscross pattern joining each corner.



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- A chair splat: The upright section of a chair pack can be solid, carved or fretted.
- Over hung rail: When the crest rail on a chair overhangs the back legs instead of fitting between the legs.
- Pembroke Table: A drop leaf table with leaves on long side and one drawer on short side.
- Invisible hinge: This hinge allows a door to open a full 180°. Fitted into holes drilled in the wood, cylinder hinges are invisible when the door is closed.



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- The Cut cupboard lock: Traditional cabinet lock used to secure doors. Material is cut away to fit lock body flush.
- **Till Lock?**
- Birds beak lock: This lock is used on roll top desks, tambours doors. The fall is mortised to contain the lock, and revolving plate is set into the bed of the unit. The spring-loaded beaks retract with a key to open.



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- **Counter Hinge:** A counter hinge is used for a double thickness table top that opens up to twice its size or bar top counter. Dovetail shape resists shearing double knuckles and plate support 180°.
- **Quadrant stay:** A stay shaped like a quadrant of a circle used on fall flaps for support.

