What is paper?

Paper is one of the world's most useful materials. People use it every day. There are thousands of different kinds of paper, and these can be used to make all sorts of things.

Made of paper
All the things in these pictures are made of paper. Can you name them? What do these things feel like? Do they all feel the same?

Material words
Which of these words describe paper?
cold thick shiny
sticky stretchy stiff solid
heavy soft strong
dull hard warm
hard-wearing spongy light
crisp colourful smooth
rough thin bendy
springy slimy
runny squishy

Take a look
This whole book is made of paper. Look at it carefully. Has it been made from more than one kind of paper? If so, why is that?