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# Instruments and equipment

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Match each of the following instruments and items of equipment with its correct description below. The first one has been done for you as an example.

bandage	catheter	curette	drain	forceps	gag	hook	pipette
probe	scalpel	sling	splint	stethoscope	stretcher		
syringe	thermometer	tourniquet	<del>wheelchair</del>				

1. wheelchair = a chair with wheels in which someone can sit and move around
2. \_\_\_\_\_ = a small sharp-pointed knife used in surgery
3. \_\_\_\_\_ = an instrument used to explore inside a cavity or wound
4. \_\_\_\_\_ = a surgical instrument with handles like a pair of scissors, made in different sizes and with differently shaped ends, used for holding and pulling
5. \_\_\_\_\_ = a surgical instrument like a long thin spoon, used for scraping the inside of an organ
6. \_\_\_\_\_ = a thin glass tube used for taking and measuring samples of liquid
7. \_\_\_\_\_ = an instrument or tight bandage wrapped round a limb to constrict an artery, so reducing the flow of blood and stopping bleeding from a wound
8. \_\_\_\_\_ = a surgical instrument with a bent end used for holding structures apart in operations
9. \_\_\_\_\_ = a tube used to remove liquid from the body
10. \_\_\_\_\_ = an instrument placed between the teeth to stop the mouth from closing
11. \_\_\_\_\_ = a medical instrument made of a tube with a plunger which either slides down inside the tube, forcing the contents out through a needle as in an injection, or slides up the tube, allowing a liquid to be sucked into it
12. \_\_\_\_\_ = a tube passed into the body along one of the passages in the body
13. \_\_\_\_\_ = a piece of cloth which is wrapped around a wound or an injured limb
14. \_\_\_\_\_ = a triangular bandage attached around the neck, used to support an injured arm and prevent it from moving
15. \_\_\_\_\_ = a folding bed, with handles, on which an injured person can be carried by two people
16. \_\_\_\_\_ = a stiff support attached to a limb to prevent a broken bone from moving
17. \_\_\_\_\_ = two earpieces connected to a tube and a metal disc, used to listen to sounds made inside the body
18. \_\_\_\_\_ = an instrument for measuring temperature

**Extension.** Work with a partner and test each other. For example: "What do you call a chair with wheels in which someone can sit and move around?"

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