WOOD AS A MATERIAL 4

SOME OTHER PROPERTIES OF WOOD

❶ Wood **burns:** ☞ Wood was man's first *artificial heat source.*

❷ Wood **floats:** ☞ This property is the basis for the *boat building* and all related industries, i.e. fishing, travel, transportation of goods.

❸ Wood **insulates:** ☞ The same principle that makes wood float also makes it an *excellent insulator.*

❹ Wood **transmits sound:** ☞ *Musical instruments* take advantage of this property.

❺ Wood can be processed into **drugs and medicinal extracts*:***

☞ Aspirin, for example, is made from the inner bark of the willow tree.

❻ Wood **fibres** can be manipulated into many different products:

☞ Through the 'chemical cooking' of wood chips products such as paper, textiles, chemicals, plastics, and fuel can be made.

❼ Wood can be **recycled** ☞ Timbers salvaged from old buildings are routinely used for new ones.

❽ Wood is **beautiful:**

☞ As **trees**, wood provides *landscaping features, beauty and shade.*

☞ As **lumber and veneers**, wood displays *beautiful grain features.*

☞ As **finished products**, whether it is **paneling, millwork or furniture**, ***nothing*** is more desirable than the look of wood. Wood has an **appeal** like *no other natural material.*