

**Q:**  Which term is correct?

1. **surface of the concrete** -or-
2. **concrete surface**

**A:** Both!

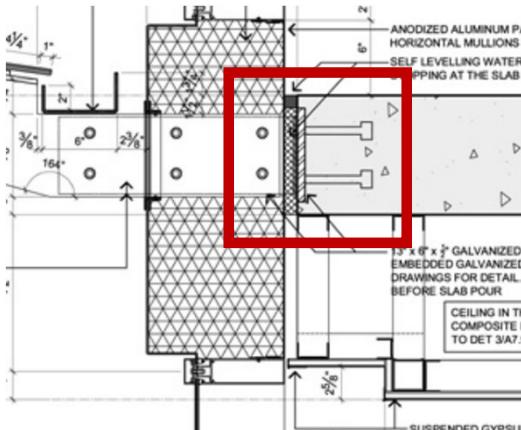
### CONCEPT CHECK

The \_\_\_\_ is 400mm from the gridline

**A. Slab edge**

**B. Edge of the slab**

**More natural**



The \_\_\_\_ has a steel embed.

**A. Slab edge**

**More natural**

**B. Edge of the slab**



# WHY more natural?

“\_\_ of the” (prepositional phrase)

describes which part **OF THE** slab.

Is it the top? Bottom? Where is it?

This is more often used for dimensioning.

## noun + noun collocation

(compound noun)

Makes it more specific,  
describes type

What is it? Describes a specific  
system, material, or object/thing.



*Preposition*

**Edge of the slab**

We're talking about **the slab** here

*where on the slab? Which part of  
the slab?*



*Makes word more specific*

*Adjective*

**Slab edge**

We're talking about **the edge** here

*what type of edge, which edge?*



What kind of edge?

A slab edge

## OTHER EXAMPLES

### noun + noun collocation



#### Door bottom

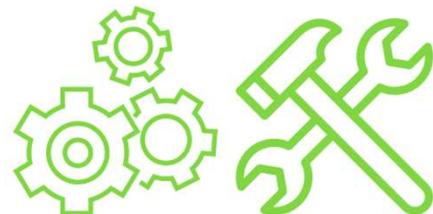
There's an automatic **door bottom** for soundproofing



#### Wall surface

The **wall surface material** is stone

### SPECIFIC TECHNICAL TERMS



### “\_\_ of the”

#### Bottom *of the* door

The **bottom of the door** is 2cm above the floor.



#### Surface *of the* wall

The **surface of the wall** is recessed to accommodate a light fixture.



### DESCRIBES POSITION

