

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

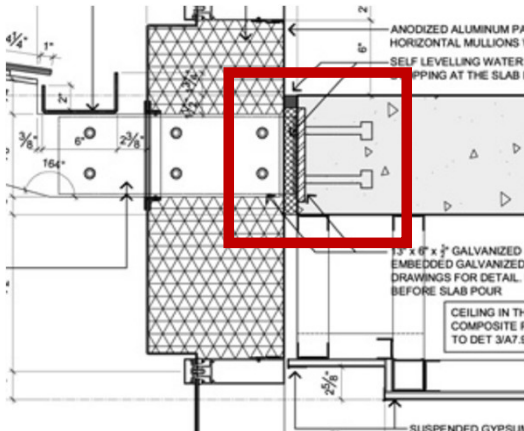
The ____ has a steel embed.

A. Slab **edge**

More natural

B. **Edge** *of the* slab

**NERD
ALERT!**



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.



What kind of edge?

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?



A slab edge

OTHER EXAMPLES

noun + noun collocation



Door bottom

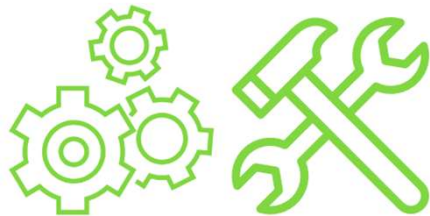
There's an automatic **door bottom** for soundproofing

Wall surface

The **wall surface material** is stone



SPECIFIC TECHNICAL TERMS



“__ of the”

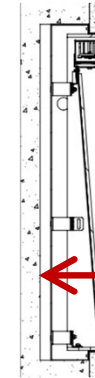
Bottom of the door

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

