

**Bacteria** – micro-organisms, some can cause food poisoning

**Balanced diet** – a diet giving all or most of the nutrients needed

**Batch production** – making a small number of a product

**Batik** – using wax as a resist

**Bellcrank** – a lever with an angle at the fulcrum

**Bespoke** – a product that has been made to order

**Bevel** – a sloping surface or edge

**Bibliography** – a list of sources of information

**Billet** – small bar of metal that needs further processing

**Biofuel** – a fuel derived from living organic matter

**Biomass** – organic matter that can be used for fuel

**Bluetooth** – concerning the use of short range wireless communications for mobile phones, computers etc

**Bond** – joining together using glue

**Bowing** – becoming bent along the length of the piece of wood

**Brainstorming** – a technique used for writing down linked ideas quickly

**Brazing** – a high temperature join using spelter

**Breadboard** – a board for building circuits on

**Brief** – a short statement about what you intend to do

**Browser** – a program which allows you to access the internet

**Bubble diagram** – a diagram of your ideas

**Buffer box** – helps you to connect inputs and outputs to a computer easily

**Built in obsolescence** – where products are designed to stop working or become redundant after a set period

**Bulking** – providing mass or volume