

DESCRIBING COMPONENT SHAPES AND FEATURES - KEY

Read the following descriptions (A – F) and match them to the pictures:

- A. On this plug, there are circular pins for live and neutral. There's no earth pin. This is quite a common format in Europe and Russia.
- B. On this one, there are circular slots for live and neutral. And the earth slot has got a flat base with one side rounded over to form a semi-circle. This type is only used in a few countries.
- C. This plug has rectangular blades for live, neutral and earth, in triangular configuration. This is standard in the UK and Ireland, and a few other places like Malaysian and Singapore.
- D. This one has got circular pins for live and neutral, and it has a cylindrical slot to receive the earth pin. It's quite common in Europe and in some parts of Africa.
- E. On this plug, there are circular pins for live, neutral and earth, and the pins are arranged in linear configuration. This format is not very common.
- F. This plug is the standard in North America and quite common in Central and South America. It is also used in Japan. So, it is widely used. On this plug you can see flat blades for live and neutral, and a round pin for earth, and they're laid out in triangular configuration.



1.

F



2.

D



3.

A



4.

E



5.

B



6.

C

Complete the following phrases from the descriptions using adjectives based on the words in brackets.

1. There are **circular** pins for live and neutral. (circle)
2. The earth slot has got a flat base with one side **rounded** over to form a semi-circle. (round)
3. This one has **rectangular** blades for live, neutral and earth. (rectangle)
4. It has a **cylindrical** slot to receive the earth pin. (cylinder)
5. The pins are arranged in **linear** configuration. (line)
6. They are laid out in **triangular** configuration. (triangle)