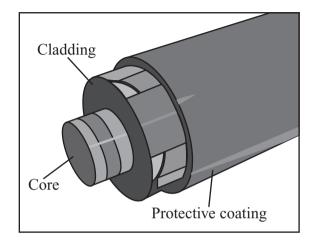


The illustration below shows three major components of a fiberoptic cable.



a. Describe the function of the core and the function of the cladding.

In recent years, fiberoptic cable has been replacing copper wire as a means of transmitting communication signals.

b. Describe the difference between the signals that are transmitted by fiberoptic cable and those transmitted by copper wire.

The core in a fiberoptic cable can be made of plastic or glass.

c. Identify two advantages of using plastic instead of glass in a fiberoptic cable.