Technology Vocabulary Quiz

Choose from the teamwork, design, and technology vocabulary below to fill in the blanks.

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Choose the best answer

1. A team of government investigators asked to see all of a partnership’s internal documents for a six-month period. Which of these are internal documents?
   
   A. a news release about the automatic door-locking device they just patented
   
   B. A publication listing all their current products and prices
   
   C. Emails between two of the partners discussing a colleague’s business proposal.

2. Which of these features of a product are not visible to a buyer?
   
   A. The label
   
   B. The relative proportions of length to width.

   C. The internal components

* http://www.ted.com/playlists/13/open_source_open_world.html These are mostly 15-20 minute presentations, & many have text or subtitles in several languages, to check your understanding.
Answers

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