Parts of a House and Function

footing

- -made of poured concrete
- -foundation built on top of this
- -prevents foundation from sinking into the ground
- -twice the width of the foundation

foundation

- -poured cement or cinder block
- -crawl space or basement wall

foam gasket

- -prevents moisture from getting into the sill plate
- -between foundation and sill plate

sill plate

- -floor joists lie on this
- -fastened to foundation with an anchor bolt

floor joist

-supports floor

header joist

-end of floor joists, 90 degrees to floor joists

sub floor

- -lies on top of floor joists
- -sheets of plywood or OSB
- -screwed into floor joists

bottom plate

-bottom part of a wall

studs

- -vertical part of the wall
- -secured into place with nails through the top plate and bottom plate
- -perpendicular (90 degrees) to the top and bottom plate

single top plate

-top part of a wall that is non-load bearing

double top plate

-top of a load bearing wall

rough sill

- -bottom part of window
- -same size as the rough stud opening (RSO) width

trimmer/jack stud

-carries the load of the header

king stud

-a full length stud nailed to outside of trimmer

header

- -horizontal member that spans over a window or doorway
- -carries the weight above the window or door
- -rough stud opening (RSO) width + 3"
- -held up by trimmer studs

cripple studs

-shortened studs above the header or below rough sill or both