

Household problems

Lesson code: 117R-K6CC-NLS3

1 Causes of problems

Match the problems with the possible reasons below:

- 1. I have to do the laundry by hand.
- 2. I cut my lip while drinking coffee.
- 3. Water is dripping from the ceiling.
- 4. The lights are out.
- 5. I can't open the door.
- 6. I can't turn on the laptop.
- 7. I can't make cereal for breakfast.
- 8. The toilet won't flush.

- a. It's blocked.
- b. The battery is dead.
- c. The cup is chipped.
- d. The handle has come off.
- e. The milk is off.
- f. There's a leaking pipe.
- g. There's been a power cut.
- h. The washing machine has broken down.

Which of the problems above have you experienced in the past year?

2 Solutions

Match the possible solutions below to the problems in Exercise 1.

- 1. Send for a plumber
- 2. Throw it out.
- 3. Plug it in.
- 4. Use a plunger.
- 5. Screw it back on.
- 6. Call a repair man.
- 7. Check the fuse box.

3 Talking point

When you have a household problem, do you try to fix it yourself or do you usually call for help?



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VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT

4 Other problems

Complete the sentences below using the verbs in their correct forms.

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1. I can't get in the house. I've <u>locked</u> myself out.							

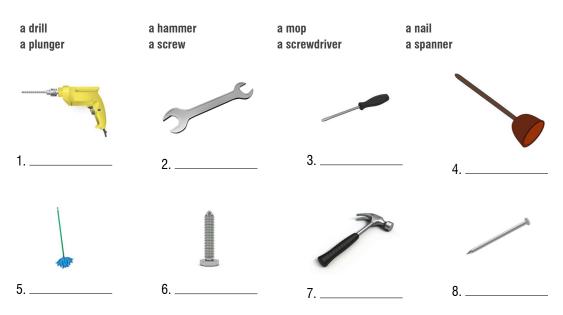
- 2. I can't leave the house yet. I've _____ my keys.
- 3. I can't have breakfast this morning. I've _____ cereal.
- 4. I've ______ some coffee on my new carpet. There's a horrible stain.
- 5. I've accidentally ______ the fridge door open all day. All the food is off.
- 6. The kitchen is flooded. Somebody's ______ the tap run all day.

Work in pairs. Take turns to ask and answer second conditional questions about each problem like in the example below:

What would you do if you locked yourself out?

5 Household tools

Match the words to the pictures below.



Which household problems would you fix with the above tools?



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Household problems - Key

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1 Causes of	problems					
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2 Solutions		_				
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