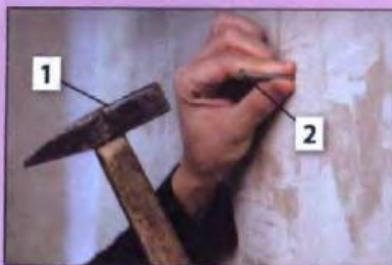


42 Household tasks

A Using tools and household objects



You use a **hammer**¹ to **bang a nail**² into the wall to hang a picture on.



You use a **drill**³ to make a **hole**⁴. A hammer and drill are tools.



You use a **needle**⁵, **pins**⁶, **scissors**⁷ and **cotton**⁸ when you're sewing.



You use **string**⁹ or **rope**¹⁰ to tie things together.



You use **tape**¹¹ or **glue**¹² to stick things together.

SPOTLIGHT uncountable nouns

Cotton, string, rope, tape and glue are usually uncountable.

- I need **some glue**. (NOT **I need a glue**.)
- Where's the **string**?

1 Complete the words.

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2 Circle the correct word.

- Stick it together with glue / cotton.
- 1 Sew it with a pin / needle.
- 2 Cut it with scissors / a drill.
- 3 Tie it together with rope / nails.
- 4 Bang it with string / a hammer.
- 5 Make a hole with cotton / a drill.
- 6 Stick it together with tape / rope.
- 7 Sew it with cotton / a tool.
- 8 Bang / Make a nail into a piece of wood.

3 Complete the sentences.

- She didn't have any string, so she stuck the parcel together with tape.
- 1 I've got a hammer and a drill, but I haven't got any other _____.
- 2 When you make a skirt for a doll, you cut the fabric with _____, you hold the pieces together with _____, and then you _____ it with a needle and _____.
- 3 If you break a bowl, you can _____ it together with _____.
- 4 We used a long piece of _____ to tie the boat to the harbour wall.
- 5 A drill is very useful if you need to make a _____ in a wall.
- 6 I need a hammer to _____ this _____ in the wall.
- 7 I tied all the keys _____ with a piece of _____.
- 8 Can you _____ that mirror on the wall over there?

4 ABOUT YOU Which tools and household objects do you have, and which ones do you use a lot? Write a list, or tell another student.



TEST YOURSELF

B Household tasks

Oh, dear! The flat is such a **mess**. There's **mud** on the floor and **dirt** and **dust** everywhere. And we really need to **decorate** the hall and stairs.

Yes, we need to **tidy up**, clean the floors and **wipe** all the furniture with a damp cloth.

And another thing: the TV isn't **working properly**. We must get someone to **repair** it.

Oh, I don't know – we never watch it. Let's get **rid of** it. By the way, I've noticed that **there's something wrong with** the bathroom tap. It needs **fixing**. Maybe I'll try and **mend** it myself.

SPOTLIGHT *repair, fix, mend*

Repair, fix and **mend** all mean 'put something right which is broken or damaged'.

■ *Can you repair/fix the fridge?* ■ *It took ages to repair/mend the roof.*

We often use **mend** and **repair** (and NOT **fix**) to talk about repairing clothes.

■ *I mended the hole in my pocket.* ■ *My shoes need repairing.*

GLOSSARY

mess	a lot of untidy or dirty things, all in the wrong place
mud	soft, wet earth
dirt	a substance that is not clean
dust	dry dirt that is like powder
decorate	put paint or paper on the walls
tidy (sth) up	make a place look better by putting things in the correct place
wipe	make sth clean or dry with a <i>cloth</i>
cloth	a piece of material used for cleaning things
it isn't working	= it's broken, it isn't functioning
properly	correctly or well
get rid of sth	make yourself free of sth you do not want; throw sth away
something wrong with sth	not working well, or not as it should be

5 Find the beginning and the end of each word.

DECORATE / WIPEDUSTDIRTMESSFIXCLOTHMENDPROPERLYMUDREPAIR

6 One word is missing in each sentence. What is it, and where does it go?

- I've bought some paint and wallpaper, so I'm going to / the living room.
- 1 The dishwasher is broken – we need to phone someone to come and it.
- 2 Lula came in after walking in the fields, and now there's all over the floor.
- 3 I don't need this stuff any more – I want to get of it.
- 4 Do you know what is with the radio? I can't hear anything at all.
- 5 Have you got a cloth to the cupboards? They're covered in dust.
- 6 The lamp isn't properly: sometimes it comes on and sometimes it doesn't.
- 7 Do you know how to sew? I need somebody to the hole in my trousers.
- 8 The flat is such a mess, and my mother's coming. Can you up, please?

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7 Complete the text.

The house was in very bad condition and in the last storm, the rain had come into all the bedrooms. We paid a builder to ► **mend** the roof for us. The rest of the house was a terrible (1) so first we had to (2) up and remove all the (3) and (4) with a damp cloth. The old carpets were wet and smelled horrible, so we pulled them up and got (5) of them. In the end, it still looked awful so we had to (6) the bedrooms again. Then we realized that there was something (7) with the central heating, and it cost a lot to get it (8) The bathroom was a problem too: the shower didn't work (9) – some days the water was hot, others it was freezing, so that was another thing that someone had to (10) It was all so expensive!



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