42 Household tasks

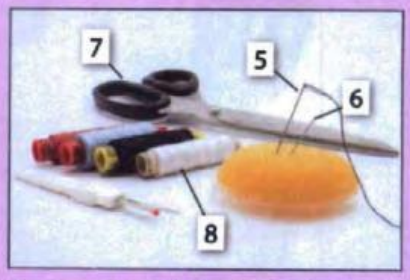
A Using tools and household objects



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.

▶ n a i l

1 n ___ ___ dl ___
2 st ___ ___ ___ g
3 h ___ mm ___ ___
4 sc ___ ___ ___ ___ rs
5 d ___ ___ ll
6 r ___ ___ e
7 h ___ ___ e
8 c ___ ___ t ___ n
9 g ___ ___ e

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.**

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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 *cloth*
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. decorate

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? .....

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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