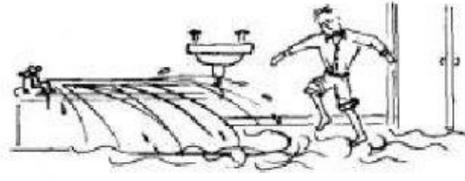




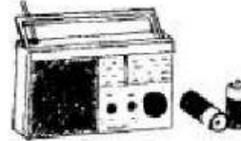
The lights are not working there must be a power-cut.



Oh no! The bathroom's flooded!  
Get a mop, quick!



The kitchen door-handle's come off.



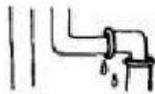
The batteries have run out.  
I'll have to get some more.



The washing machine broke down the other day. I'll have to wash by hand.



Oh dear! This chair's broken.  
I wonder how that happened?



This pipe's leaking.



I'm sorry, your cup's chipped.



Sharon fell down and cut her knee this morning.



I bumped/banged my head against the cupboard door and got a bruise.



She twisted her ankle coming down the stairs.

I've **mis**laid Bob's letter. Have you seen it anywhere? [put it somewhere and can't find it]

She **sp**ilt some coffee on the carpet. I hope it doesn't **st**ain. [leave a permanent mark]

I **ov**erslept this morning and was half an hour late for work.

I've **l**ocked myself out. Can I use your phone to ring my wife?

The car **w**on't start. I hope it's nothing serious.

The kitchen clock's **s**low/**f**ast/**s**topped. What time d'you make it?

**37.1** What do you think happened to make these people do/say what they did?

*Example:* We had to send for a plumber. *Maybe a pipe was leaking/the lavatory was flooded.*

- 1 I had to call out our local mechanic.
- 2 Our neighbours let us use their washing machine.
- 3 Don't worry, it often does that; I'll screw it back on.
- 4 Come here and I'll put a plaster on it.
- 5 How many batteries does it take? I'll get some for you.
- 6 I don't know where you've put them. Try the bedside table.

**37.2** Odd one out. Which of the three words is the odd one out in each case?

*Example:* spill flood chip *chip – the other two involve liquids.*

- |              |       |       |        |          |       |
|--------------|-------|-------|--------|----------|-------|
| 1 break down | smash | break | 3 leak | come off | chip  |
| 2 run out    | stain | stop  | 4 cut  | bruise   | flood |

**37.3** What would you do if...

- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1 you mislaid your credit card?               | 4 your TV set broke down?    |
| 2 you noticed your guest's glass was chipped? | 5 you bruised your forehead? |
| 3 one of your coat-buttons came off?          | 6 your watch was slow?       |

**37.5** Complete these sentences using words and phrases from the opposite page.

*Example:* There was a power-cut so we... *had to sit in the dark / light candles.*

- 1 I was so tired when I finally went to bed that next morning I...
- 2 The wind blew the door shut and I realised I'd...
- 3 I would ring her but I'm afraid I've...
- 4 I can't take a photo, my camera's...
- 5 I tried to run over the rocks but I...