

Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What tools usually come in a range of sizes
- 2 What else might electricians keep in their tool kits besides actual tools?

Reading

2 Read the web forum. Then, choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the webpage mostly about?
 - A the best tool kits to buy
 - B the tools electricians need
 - C the different types of wrenches
 - D the kinds of tape electricians use
- 2 What advice is NewGuy12 looking for?
 - A which basic tools he needs for jobs
 - B which tool brand works the best
 - C which additional tools he needs
 - D which tools do not get used much
- 3 Which is NOT in NewGuy12's tool kit yet?

A tool belt	C hacksaw
B hammer	D Phillips screwdriver

Vocabulary

3 Choose the sentence that uses the underlined part correctly.

- 1 A John put the tool belt around his waist.
B A crimper can easily cut through metal.
- 2 A I used an allen wrench to hit the nail.
B Sam covered the wires with electrical tape.
- 3 A I need a torque wrench to tighten the loose bolt.
B The wires need to be cut by a hacksaw.

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NewGuy12

I have the basic stuff I need to go on jobs (**hammer, Phillips screwdrivers, tool belt, etc.**). What else do I need in my tool kit?

MasterElectrician

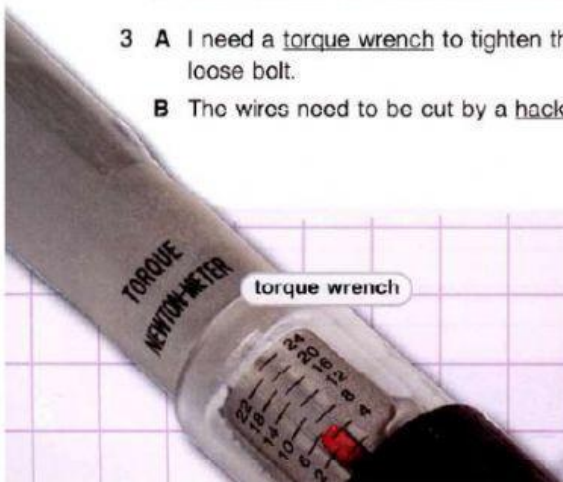
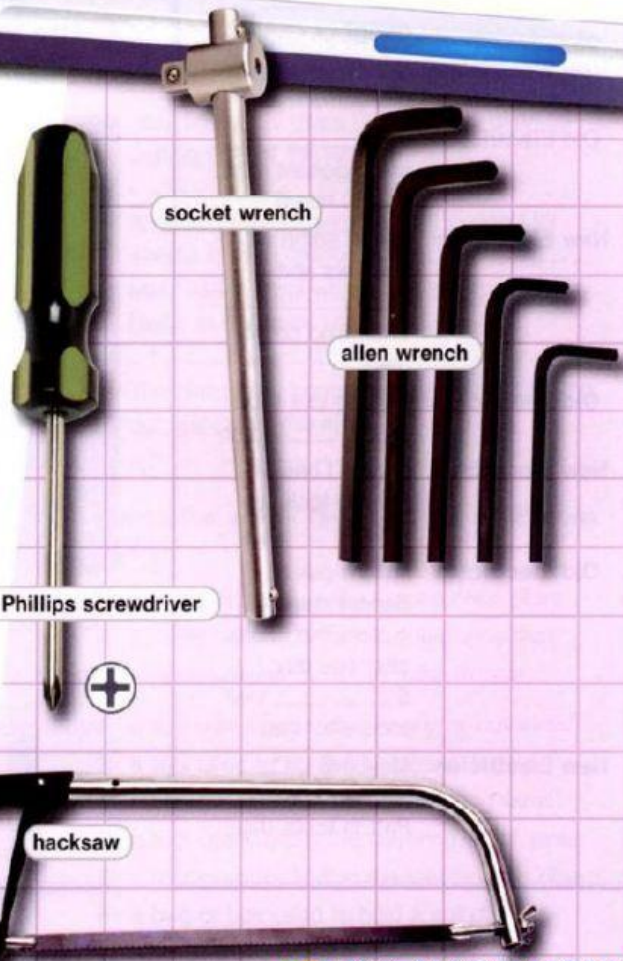
You need wrenches for different things. I'd get **allen wrenches, socket wrenches, and torque wrenches**. Also, get **electrical tape** and **duct tape** for your kit.

WiredUp

My tool kit has a **hacksaw, nut drivers, and crimpers** in it. I don't use them a lot. But they're there if I need them!

NewGuy12

Thanks for the advice! Going to the store now.



4 Match the words (1-8) with the definitions (A-H).

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| 1 — crimper | 5 — duct tape |
| 2 — hacksaw | 6 — nut driver |
| 3 — hammer | 7 — socket wrench |
| 4 — allen wrench | 8 — Phillips screwdriver |

- A tool with a thin blade that cuts through metal
 B tool used to tighten bolts
 C tool used for tightening nuts
 D kind of tape made of mesh used on air ducts
 E a tool with a metal top used for hitting nails
 F tool used to tighten screws with a cross head
 G tool used for pushing connectors around bare wires
 H a tool with a six-sided head used for tightening screws or bolts

5 Listen and read the web forum again. Why does MasterElectrician suggest several kinds of wrenches?

Listening

6 Listen to a conversation between two electricians. Mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 — The woman needs a socket wrench.
- 2 — The man's wrenches are too small.
- 3 — The man left his tool kit in the truck.

7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

- Electrician 1:** Looks like I need an allen wrench to 1 _____. Hand me one.
- Electrician 2:** Okay. I have some in my 2 _____. Here you go.
- Electrician 1:** It isn't the right size. 3 _____ a bigger one.
- Electrician 2:** That's the biggest one I have.
- Electrician 1:** You need to get more wrenches for your tool kit. I have one that's the right size in mine. I left it 4 _____, though.
- Electrician 2:** Do you want me to 5 _____?
- Electrician 1:** Yes, please. I really need an 6 _____.
- Electrician 2:** All right. I'll be back in a minute.

Speaking

8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

Looks like I need ...

Give me ...

I left it in ...

Student A: You are an electrician. Talk to Student B about:

- what tool you need
- why the tool won't work
- where you left your tool kit

Student B: You are an electrician. Talk to Student A about what he or she needs from you.

Writing

9 Use the conversation from Task 8 to fill out the electrician's shopping list for what he needs to get for his tool kit.

Shopping List

Tools Needed: _____

Why: _____