

1 Underline the most suitable word or phrase.

- a) This is a small car, but it has a powerful engine/machine.
- b) Do you use an electric/electrical toothbrush?
- c) I can't see anything. Where's the light plug/switch?
- d) I'm going to buy a new notebook/desktop PC that I can take to work.
- e) You can't use the lift. It's out of order/work.
- f) If you don't press this button, the washing machine won't go/move.
- g) Use this torch. The other one doesn't act/work.
- h) The lights have gone out. It must be a power break/cut.
- i) A car factory/industry has just been built in our town.
- j) Who exactly discovered/invented the computer?

2 Complete the sentences with a word from the box. Use each word once only.

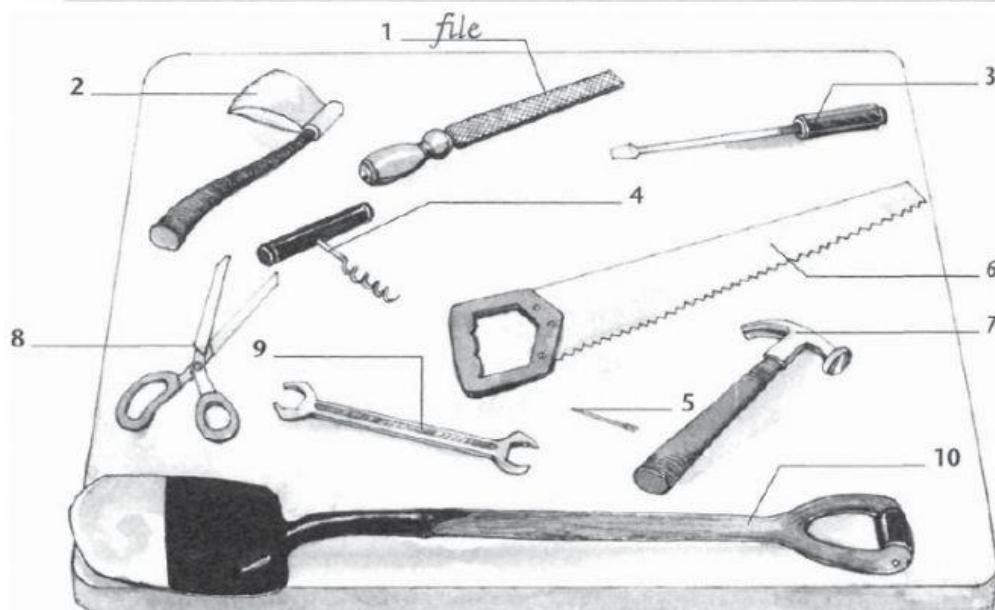
icon	website	cursor	pull-down menu	reboot	scroll down
download	highlight	paste	engine		

- a) The text appears at the position of the flashing **cursor**
- b) Hold down the left mouse button and drag the mouse over the text that you want to
- c) If your computer crashes, you may have to
- d) To open a document, click on the relevant
- e) To transfer text to another document you can copy and
- f) If the text you want is below the part you can see, you can
- g) Look at the toolbar at the top of the screen and select the option you want from the
- h) Connect to the Internet and type out the address to go straight to the
- i) If you can't find the information you want on the website, try typing out a key word into the search
- j) If you need to get a whole program from the Internet, it can take a long time to

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3 Complete the labels with the words in the box.

axe	file	needle	scissors	spade	corkscrew
hammer	saw	screwdriver		spanner	



4 Complete each sentence with a suitable word from 3 above. Use each word once only.

- You can make the edges smooth with a.....
- You need a..... to open this bottle of wine.
- I've split my trousers. Do you have a..... and thread?
- I can't open the back of the television without a special.....
- You can cut that plank in half with this.....
- We could chop this tree down if we had a sharp.....
- I was going to dig the garden but I can't find the.....
- Oh bother! I've hit my thumb with the..... instead of the nail!
- You can cut this cardboard if you have some sharp.....
- This nut is impossible to undo. I need a larger.....

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5 Choose the most suitable word or phrase to complete each sentence.

- a) James is going to be late. His car has **D**
 - A) broken out
 - B) broken up
 - C) broken in
 - D) broken down
- b) If your camera is faulty, you should return it to the.....
 - A) creator
 - B) manufacturer
 - C) inventor
 - D) builder
- c) It is hard to get.....parts for this car if something goes wrong.
 - A) extra
 - B) spare
 - C) additional
 - D) emergency
- d) I bought this electric drill from a.....-it-yourself shop.
 - A) do
 - B) repair
 - C) make
 - D) fix
- e) This clock.....on two small batteries.
 - A) goes
 - B) works
 - C) runs
 - D) moves
- f) Lift the.....and listen for the dialling tone.
 - A) microphone
 - B) dial
 - C) receiver
 - D) number
- g) Don't touch the wire! You'll get an electric.....
 - A) surprise
 - B) current
 - C) charge
 - D) shock
- h) It's difficult to repair a car unless you have the right.....
 - A) gadgets
 - B) instruments
 - C) appliances
 - D) tools
- i) This knife is really.....I'll have to sharpen it.
 - A) blunt
 - B) dull
 - C) flat
 - D) frank
- j) Don't forget to.....your alarm clock for 6.30.
 - A) put
 - B) set
 - C) ring
 - D) go off

6 Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

How does the DVD work?

When I was young, I always dreamed of becoming a famous (1) ...**scientist**.... When I was at school I decided to study **SCIENCE** (2)....., and then become a millionaire by inventing **ENGINE** a wonderful new (3).....which would make the world **PRODUCE** a better place. Unfortunately, I wasn't very good at technical subjects. Any time I operate any kind of (4)....., **EQUIP** something terrible happens. Machines which use (5)....., **ELECTRIC** such as computers or televisions, always seem to give me a (6).....shock. The instruction booklets are always **POWER** (7).....They never help me at all. Nowadays you need **USE** to have (8).....knowledge just to use the DVD. To **SPECIAL** my great (9).....it is always a child of six who helps me **EMBARRASS** out of my (10)..... **DIFFICULT**

7 Complete each sentence with one suitable word.

- a) There's nothing good on the television. Why don't you turn it.....*off*.....
- b) Can you plug the electric fire.....for me?
- c) Hurry up sir. We're just going to lockfor the night.
- d) The machine is quite automatic - it does everythingitself.
- e) We'd better stop for some petrol. We've nearly run
- f) The parts come from Japan, but we put themhere in Italy.
- g) The workstation consists.....a keyboard, a monitor and a printer.
- h) This looks like wood but actually it's made.....plastic.
- i) What exactly is a file used.....?
- j) These two metal sections are then bolted.....to make one.
- k) Have you saved your accounts file.....my directory by mistake?

8 Replace the words in *italics* with a verb from the box.

break down go off **keep up with** pick up run out knock down
do without hang up look out put off stand for

- a) My car isn't as fast as yours. I won't be able to *stay near* you.
- b) This torch doesn't work. The batteries must have *been used up*.
- c) This radio doesn't *receive* the BBC World Service very well
- d) The car is making a funny noise. I think it's going to *stop working*.
- e) I was going to buy a motorbike, but I was *discouraged* by my parents.
- f) People call me on the phone, but then *put down the receiver*.
- g) *Be careful!* You're going to give yourself an electric shock!.....
- h) It's difficult to *manage if you don't have* a washing machine.
- i) The letters DVD *mean* digital versatile disc, actually.....
- j) Without a fridge, fresh food will *become bad* very quickly.....
- k) They used special equipment to *demolish* that block of flats.

9 Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Do it yourself

What do you do when something (1)..... **C**..... down? Are you the kind of person who knows how things (2).....? Or do you prefer to have them (3)..... by an expert? Personally, when I use a (4)..... I always hit my finger, and I can never (5)..... anything with my screwdriver because I can never find it. Despite having all the wrong (6)....., and despite being a useless (7)....., I recently decided to take my bike to pieces and (8)..... it. I had (9)..... out of money as usual, and as I use my bike (10)..... getting to college, I had no choice. It was making a terrible noise, and the front tyre was (11)..... I had a few (12)..... but I didn't have any (13)..... parts. I managed to (14)..... the wheel and take it off, but then I lost my (15)....., and couldn't put the wheel back on properly. At least I am taking more exercise, as I now have to walk to college.

1) A falls	B repairs	C breaks	D runs
2) A do	B make	C fix	D work
3) A repaired	B out	C sometimes	D operated
4) A drill	B scissors	C hammer	D spade
5) A drive	B unscrew	C cut	D unwind
6) A equipment	B contents	C instruments	D gadgets
7) A technician	B engineer	C machine	D mechanic
8) A make	B fix	C build	D construct
9) A spent	B paid	C run	D fallen
10) A and	B because	C by	D for
11) A flat	B empty	C over	D bad
12) A chances	B tools	C information	D advice
13) A spare	B emergency	C renew	D repair
14) A remove	B smooth	C fill	D undo
15) A saw	B plug	C spanner	D file