

DIY and repairs

VOCABULARY BANK

1 IN A SHED: TOOLS AND OTHER THINGS FOR REPAIRS

a Match the words and photos.

- brick /brɪk/
- bucket /'bækɪt/
- drill /drɪl/
- hammer /'hæmə/
- ladder /'lædə/
- nail /neɪl/
- padlock /'pædlok/
- paintbrush /'peɪntbrəʃ/
- piece of wood /'pi:z ɒv 'wud/
- rope /rəʊp/
- screwdriver /'skru:draɪvə/
- screw /skru:/
- spanner /'spænə/
- tap /tæp/
- tile /taɪl/
- wire /waɪə/



b 6.16 Listen and check.

2 IN A DRAWER: USEFUL THINGS AROUND THE HOUSE

a Match the words and photos.

- box of matches /bɒks əv 'mætʃɪz/
- drawing pin /'drɔɪŋ pɪn/
- fuse /fju:z/
- glue /glu:/
- handle /'hændl/
- light bulb /laɪt bʊlb/
- needle and thread /'ni:dl ən 'θred/
- penknife /'pennkaɪf/
- Sellotape /'selətəp/
- string /strɪŋ/
- tape measure /'teɪp ,meʒə/
- torch /tɔ:tʃ/

b 6.17 Listen and check.

3 VERB PHRASES

a Match verbs 1–9 to phrases a–i.

- 1 c change
- 2 d drill
- 3 e mend
- 4 f put together (assemble)
(opp. take apart)
- 5 g put up
- 6 h set up
- 7 i sew
- 8 j stick
- 9 k tie

- a something together with glue or Sellotape
- b a button on a shirt
- c a light bulb or a wheel
- d two things together, e.g. your shoelaces or two pieces of string
- e a new wi-fi network or a home cinema system
- f shelves or curtains
- g a hole in a wall or in a piece of wood
- h something that's broken
- i flat-pack furniture



b 6.18 Listen and check.

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Synonyms

Synonyms are words with a very similar meaning, e.g. you can repair, mend, or fix something which is broken.