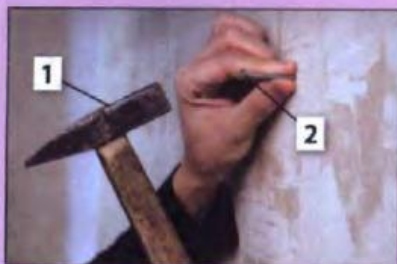


42 Household tasks

A Using tools and household objects



You use a **hammer**¹ to **bang** a nail² 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.

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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.



TEST YOURSELF

B Household tasks

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.
- 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?

decorate

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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