

9 Physical actions



1 He's **crawling** along the floor.



2 She's **kneeling (down) and praying**.



3 She **spilt** the coffee.



4 He's **diving** into the water.



5 He's **sweeping** the floor.



6 She's **shrugging** her shoulders.



7 She's **putting on** lipstick.



8 He's **leaning** against a wall.



9 He's **dragging** the cabinet along the floor.



10 She's **tearing** a piece of paper in half.



11 He's **plugging** it in.



12 She's **combing** her hair.



13 She's **folding** the blanket in half.



14 He's **begging** for money.



15 He's **sewing on** a button.



16 He's **nodding** his head.



17 She's **screwing** it into the wall.



SPOTLIGHT *nod and shake your head*

In some countries, including Britain, you can **nod your head** (= move it up and down) to say 'yes', and **shake your head** (= move it from side to side) to say 'no'.

1 Is the pronunciation of the underlined letters the same or different? Write S or D. Use the app to help you.

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| 1 put/shrug | 6 sew / screw |
| 2 shrug / button | 7 blanket / spill |
| 3 comb / nod | 8 sew / comb |
| 4 lean / tear v | 9 lean / leant |
| 5 sweep / kneel | 10 kneel / comb |

2 Write the past tense and the past participle of these verbs.

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| 1 beg | 6 kneel |
| 2 sweep | 7 sew |
| 3 tear | 8 put |
| 4 shake | 9 lean |
| 5 nod | 10 spill |

3 Complete the phrases.

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| 1 fold something half | 5 plug the kettle |
| 2 lean the wall | 6 kneel |
| 3 dive the lake | 7 sew a button |
| 4 put lipstick | 8 beg money |

4 Underline the correct answer.

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| 1 He was leaning against a <u>piece of paper</u> / door. | 6 Kneel down on the <u>blanket</u> / kettle. |
| 2 She folded the <u>towel</u> / cabinet in half. | 7 She dived into the <u>water</u> / floor. |
| 3 He dragged the <u>body</u> / wall to the door. | 8 He spilt the <u>drinks</u> / blanket. |
| 4 I'm going to put on my <u>hair</u> / lipstick. | 9 She shrugged her <u>legs</u> / shoulders. |
| 5 Could you plug in the <u>toaster</u> / button? | 10 He crawled along the <u>water</u> / carpet. |

5 Complete the sentences.

- There are more and more homeless people _____ for money in the streets.
- People _____ to God in a church.
- I asked Dad if I could go, but he just _____ his head.
- She's only ten months, so she's still _____ along the floor most of the time.
- I tried to _____ in the kettle, but there seems to be a problem with the _____.
- We all _____ down on the floor to try and find my wife's lost contact lens.
- Marta was so angry, she _____ his letter in half and threw it in the bin.
- Could you help me _____ these sheets?
- I tried to _____ the chest of drawers but it damaged the floor.
- He was _____ his head, so I assumed it was OK to go in.

6 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or talk to another student.

- Do you ever (or often) spill things? _____
- How often do you comb your hair? _____
- Do you ever wear lipstick? _____
- Are you good at sewing? _____
- Do you pray? If so, what do you pray for? _____
- Can you dive well? _____
- In your country, if you nod your head, does it mean 'yes'? _____
- In your country, are there a lot of people begging for money? _____
- In your country do you use kettles to boil water for tea or coffee? _____



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