

# 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  to help you.

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.

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

**3** Complete the phrases.

1 fold something	.....	half	
2 lean	.....	the wall	the kettle
3 dive	.....	the lake	a button
4 put	.....	lipstick	money

**4** Underline the correct answer.

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

**5** Complete the sentences.

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

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

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

