

30 At home

A Furniture and household objects



1 socket



2 plug



3 stool



4 (door)mat



5 hoover / vacuum cleaner *n*
hoover/vacuum *v*



6 ironing board



7 (dust)bin



8 smoke alarm



9 radiator (part of a central heating system)



10 broom



11 chest of drawers



12 drawers



13 doorbell



14 bunk beds



15 bookcase



16 letter box

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

1 vacuum plug 3 broom book 5 hoover broom 7 bookcase broom
2 plug dustbin 4 drawer door 6 bunk dustbin 8 vacuum radiator

2 Combine words in the box to form compounds for ten household objects.

bunk	cleaner	book	heating	central	dust	alarm	door	ironing	chest
smoke	board	beds	bell	of drawers	case	vacuum	box	bin	letter

3 Do you need one hand or two hands to use these objects? Could you use any without hands?
doorbell broom doormat plug radiator dustbin hoover socket

4 Complete the sentences.

- 1 Have you got a? I need to sweep the kitchen floor.
- 2 It's cold in here. The central heating is working, but one isn't enough for a big room.
- 3 I haven't got any chairs in the kitchen, but you can sit on this
- 4 I can only use three-pin plugs in this
- 5 Could you wipe your feet on the when you come in?
- 6 Would you take that rubbish out and put it in the?
- 7 I need to buy a new chest of
- 8 Could you the living room? There's some stuff on the carpet.
- 9 My sister and I slept in beds when we were little. I always wanted the top one.
- 10 I had to fit a new letter because ours was too small.

5 **ABOUT YOU** Which of the items at the top of the page do you have in your home, and where are they? Write your answers, or tell another student.



TEST YOURSELF

B Household chores



MUST DO THIS WEEK!

- clean the inside of the oven – it's very **greasy**
- order a **dozen** bottles of wine for Jacinta's party
- **get hold of** a plumber's number to fix the **dripping** tap in the **loo**
- get new **blinds**² for the spare bedroom
- paint **steps**³ in front of the **porch**⁴
- get **rough estimate** for painting the **outside** of the house

GLOSSARY

greasy	covered in fat and oil from cooking grease <i>n</i>
dozen	twelve half a dozen = six
get hold of sth	find sth that will be useful get hold of sb find or make contact with sb
plumber	a person whose job is to fix problems with water, pipes, radiators, etc.
loo <i>inf</i>	a toilet
spare	not used now but kept for possible future use: <i>a spare room/tyre</i>
estimate	a clear idea of the cost, size, etc. of sth: <i>a rough estimate</i> (= an approximate idea) estimate <i>v</i>
outside	the outer side or surface of sth SYN exterior

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1 estimate *n* estimate *v* 3 dozen rough 5 rough plumber
2 estimate blind 4 half spare 6 plumber blinds

7 Replace the underlined words with words that have a similar meaning.

1 Could you get me six eggs?
2 Is anyone in the toilet?
3 Is the room at the end a free room?
4 I need to contact a builder.
5 Do you have the number of a person who can fix leaking pipes?
6 I need to get an idea of the cost?
7 The inside of the oven gets covered in fat and oil.

8 Complete the sentences.

1 I want to get of some wood to make a small gate for the front garden.
2 The of the house needs painting. We'll do it when the weather improves.
3 Be careful walking down the : they're a bit dangerous when it's been raining.
4 You always get some on the wall around the cooker – it's from all the fat.
5 We decided to build a to give the front door more protection from the rain.
6 The tap in the sink keeps I must ring the plumber.
7 Six won't be enough. Could you get me a bottles of fizzy water?
8 We used to have curtains in the bedroom, but now we've got

