Describing Household Problems

Using Past Participles as Adjectives

We use past participles to describe the condition of something.

- The window is **broken**.
- The sink is **clogged**.
- The wall is **cracked**.
- The fridge is **damaged**.
- The pipe is **leaking** (**exception**: present continuous form).

Using Nouns to Describe Problems

We can also use nouns:

- There is a **crack** in the wall.
- There is a **leak** under the sink.
- There is a **stain** on the carpet.
- There is a **hole** in the roof.
- There is **some damage** on the table.

Common Household Problems Vocabulary

broken – The chair is broken.

leaking – The pipe is leaking.

clogged – The toilet is clogged.

cracked – The wall is cracked.

stained – The carpet is stained.

scratched – The table is scratched.

torn – The curtain is torn.

damaged – The door is damaged.



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Exercise 1: Match the problem

1. The sink is full of water and doesn't drain. → _____
2. The window has a big line on it. → _____
3. The carpet has a dirty mark. → _____
4. The pipe has water coming out. → _____
5. The chair is not in good condition. → _____

Options:
a) stained
b) cracked
c) leaking
d) clogged
e) damaged

Exercise 2: Complete with past participles

1. The wall is _____ (crack).
2. The carpet is _____ (stain).
3. The door is _____ (damage).
4. The curtain is _____ (tear).
5. The table is _____ (scratch).

Exercise 3: Rewrite using nouns

Example: The wall is cracked → There is a crack in the wall.

1. The pipe is leaking → _____
2. The carpet is stained → _____
3. The window is broken → _____
4. The table is scratched → _____
5. The roof is damaged → _____

Exercise 4: Choose the correct answer

1. There is a _____ in the ceiling.
   a) crack
   b) cracked

2. The sink is _____.
   a) leak
   b) leaking

3. There is a _____ on the carpet.
   a) stain
   b) stained

4. The chair is _____.
   a) damage
   b) damaged

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