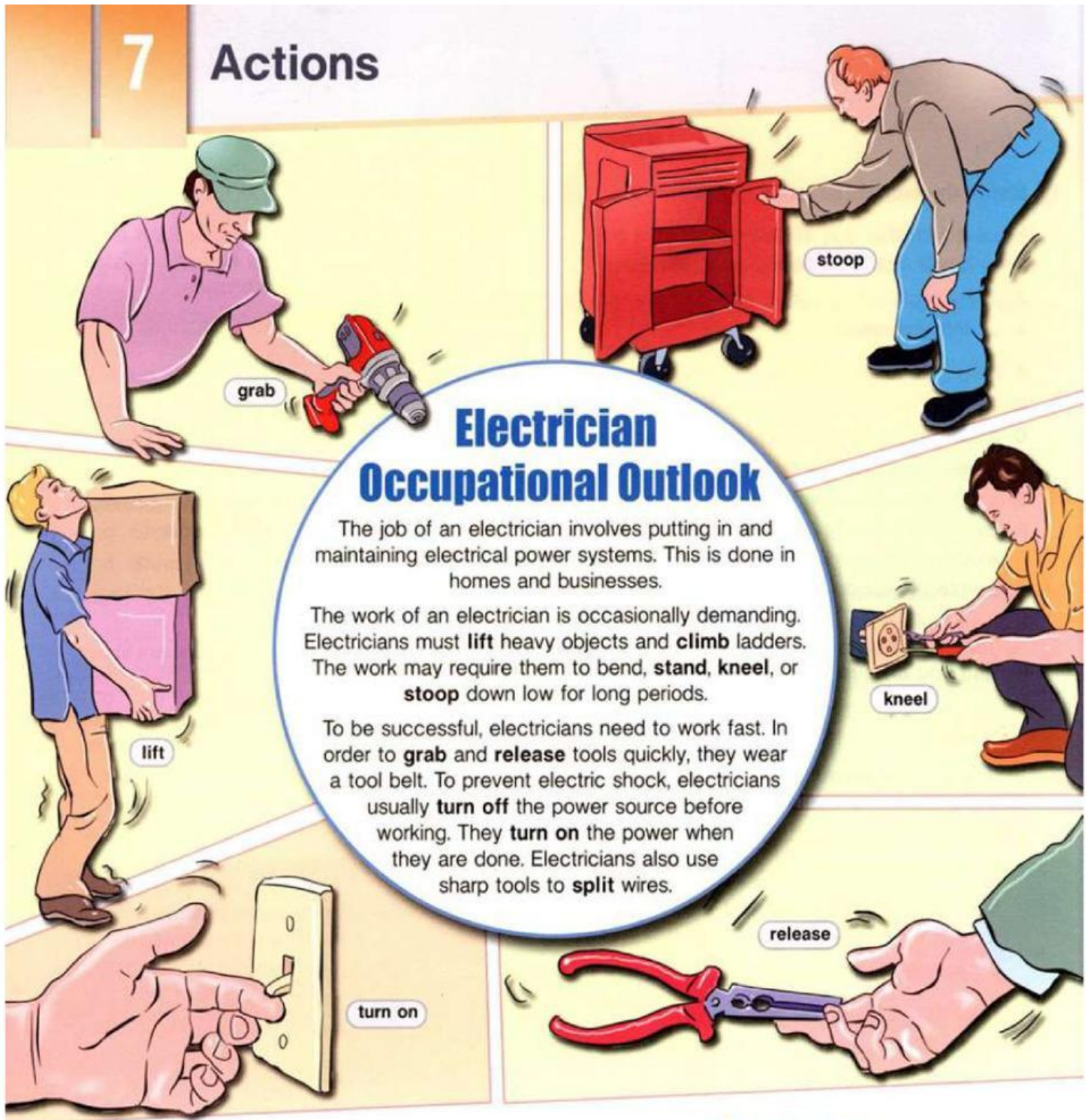




Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What are some actions an electrician performs on the job?
- 2 How can electricians minimize bodily strain when working?

Reading

2 Read the occupational manual. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 ___ Electricians are expected to work quickly.
- 2 ___ Electricians must wear helmets to work.
- 3 ___ Electricians work in homes and businesses.

Vocabulary

3 Match the words (1-5) with the definitions (A-E).

- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| 1 ___ lift | 4 ___ turn on |
| 2 ___ stand | 5 ___ release |
| 3 ___ stoop | |

- A to stop holding something
 B to be in a vertical position
 C to make something work by giving it power
 D to move something up to a higher place
 E to bend forward while standing up

4 Choose the sentence that uses the underlined part correctly.

- 1 A He released the rope and didn't let go.
B The electrician climbed the ladder.
- 2 A She split the check and paid it all herself.
B He can't lift heavy weights since his accident.
- 3 A He grabbed the bag and ran away.
B I turned on the light so it would be dark.
- 4 A He stooped to reach the top of the shelf.
B Please turn off the TV before you leave.
- 5 A It's hard to stand all day in an uncomfortable chair.
B I had to kneel to pick up the papers on the floor.

5 Listen and read the occupational manual again. How do electricians prevent electric shocks?

Listening

6 Listen to a conversation between an intern and an electrician. Mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 ___ The woman started out as an apprentice.
- 2 ___ The woman loves traveling for her work.
- 3 ___ The woman began working when she was twenty.

7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

Intern: I still have a few questions about your job. What do you do each day?

Electrician: Well, I travel around with my tools and 1 _____.
_____ that people have with their electricity.

Intern: When did you get into the 2 _____?

Electrician: About twenty years ago, when I became 3 _____.
_____ like you.

Intern: What is your favorite part of this job?

Electrician: I love the 4 _____. I like climbing ladders and lifting objects.

Intern: Wow. The job of 5 _____ sounds difficult but exciting!

Electrician: 6 _____. See you tomorrow!

Speaking

8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

I still have a few questions ...

When did you ...

What is your favorite ...

Student A: You are an intern. Talk to Student B about:

- what he or she does each day
- how long he or she has done the job
- the best part of the job for him or her

Student B: You are an electrician. Talk to Student A about your job.

Writing

9 Use the conversation from Task 8 to fill out the interview notes.

Interview Notes

Job: _____

Person Interviewed: _____

How long in the field: _____

Best part of the job: _____

What was your opinion of the job after the discussion?