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Recently, I have been having several problems in my house. The kitchen oven is damaged, and the washing machine is leaking. There is also a small leak under the sink, and the living room wall is stained because of humidity. My favorite coffee mug is chipped, and there are a few scratches on the dining table.

Some things need attention. The oven needs adjusting because the temperature is incorrect. The washing machine needs to be fixed because water keeps coming out. The bathroom door needs repairing. In addition, the smoke alarm keeps going off, and the lights in the hallway keep flickering at night.

Although these problems are annoying, I hope everything will be repaired soon.

Describing Problems with Past Participles as Adjectives: We use past participles to describe the condition of something.

Example:

Torn: The curtain is torn.

Damaged: The oven is damaged.

Describing Problems with Nouns

Example:

Tear: There is a tear in the curtain.

Damage: There is some damage on the oven.

Need + Gerund: use this structure to say that something requires attention.

Structure: Subject + need(s) + gerund (-ing)

Example: The oven needs adjusting.

Need + Passive Infinitive

Structure: Subject + need(s) + to be + past participle

Example: The oven needs to be adjusted.

Keep + Gerund: Use keep + -ing to describe repeated actions.

Structure: Subject + keep(s) + verb + ing

Example: The smoke alarm keeps going off.

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Exercise 1 – Complete with the correct adjective.

1. The sofa is _____. (damage)

2. The kitchen wall is _____. (stain)

3. My old T-shirt is _____. (tear)

4. The mirror is _____. (scratch)

5. The cup is _____. (chip)

6. The washing machine is _____. (leak)

Exercise 2 – Complete with the words in the box.

leak • stain • chip • damage • scratches • tear

Exercise 3 – Rewrite using need + gerund.

1. The sink needs to be cleaned. _____

2. The door needs to be repaired. _____

Exercise 4 – Rewrite using need + passive infinitive.

1. The oven needs adjusting. _____

2. The walls need painting. _____

Exercise 5 – Complete with the correct form of keep.

1. The alarm _____ (go off) every night.

2. The lights _____ (flicker).

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