

Home Renovations

Warm up:

- Do you enjoy doing home renovations or “D.I.Y” jobs?
- Have you ever done a home renovation project? What was it?
- What is a home renovation project you have always wanted to do?
- Have you ever had a home renovation project go wrong?
- Do you think you are a particularly “handy” person? Do you know anyone who is?
- Are there any tasks around the home you find particularly satisfying or particularly frustrating?



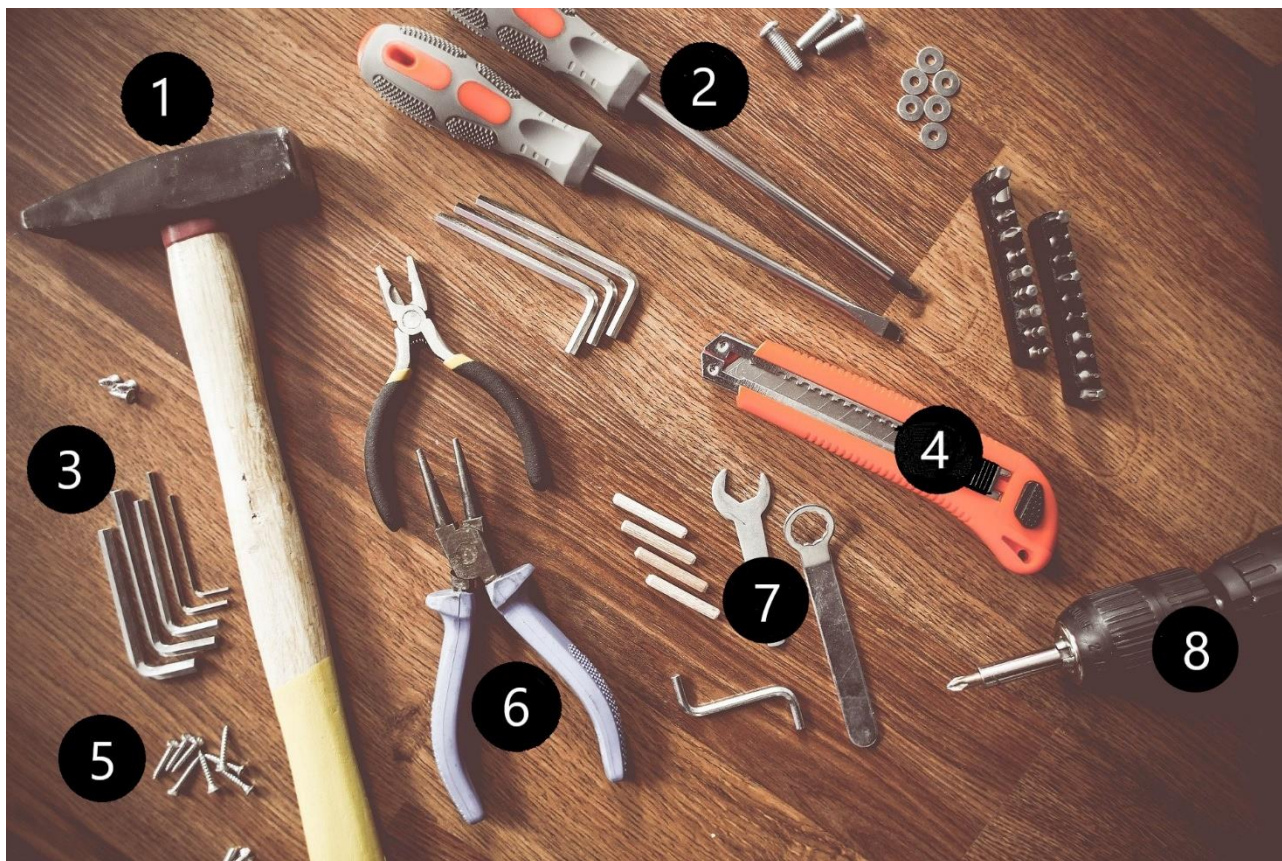
1. Match the vocabulary to the tools in the picture below.

a) Spanner **7**
e) Stanley knife **4**

b) Drill **8**
f) Allen Keys **3**

c) Hammer **1**
g) Pliers **6**

d) Screws **5**
h) Screwdriver **2**





2. Match the instructions to the titles

repair a leaky tap

install a dishwasher

paint a wall

fix a crack in the wall

assemble a bed

hang a picture

a) How to *assemble a bed*

First attach the legs and the 4 main posts together using an Allen key or screwdriver. Then lay the wooden planks across the frame. Lastly, lay the mattress across the planks.

b) How to *repair a leaky tap*

Before you start, turn off the water under the sink. Use a screwdriver or knife to pry off the cap on top of the handle and then pull the handle off. Using pliers, carefully remove and clean all the parts inside, replacing any parts that have too much wear and tear. Coat the flat metal ring in plumber's grease and reassemble.

c) How to *fix a crack in the wall*

Use a screwdriver or knife to widen the split in the plaster. Clean the area with a damp cloth. Apply a special fiberglass tape. Apply a thin coat of drywall paste. Once the first coat is dry, scrape off any bumps and apply a second coat of drywall paste.

d) How to *hang a picture*

If your frame does not already have a hook or a piece of wire on the back, attach one before you begin. Knock on your wall until you find a place that does not sound empty. Hammer a nail into the wall at a 45-degree angle until 1/3 of the nail is still visible. Place the frame on the nail and adjust until it's parallel with the floor.

e) How to *install a dishwasher*

First measure the gap to make sure it is big enough. Slide the machine in using a piece of cardboard or an old rug to prevent damaging your floor. Turn off the electricity and the water, and then attach both water pipes and plug in the electrical cable.

f) How to *paint a wall*

Start by taping any electrical outlets and wall trimmings, then put a plastic sheet on the ground. Clean the wall with a sponge and warm water. Mix the paint and spread evenly with a paintbrush or roller. Wait to dry and then add a second coat.



3. Pairwork: choose a card below and read it to your partner. Your partner will give you advice based on the card.

The kitchen in my apartment has carpet and it's covered in stains.	My doors all creak every time I open them and it's really annoying.	My living room is really dark and depressing, I'd like to make it feel more open.
Water keeps leaking from the bottom of my fridge.	I'd like to hang a family photo in the living room, but I'm not sure how.	Sometimes when I turn on my light switch, I can see a bright flash behind it.
Black water has started pouring out of the drain in my shower, it's an emergency!	The ceiling above my shower is covered in black mould.	I want to put a basic shelf on the wall in my living room.
There's a really bad smell coming from my kitchen sink. It stinks!	I'm looking for a cheap and easy way to make my home look a bit nicer, what should I do?	I was thinking about painting my bedroom walls orange, and the door and windowsill purple.
I'd like to make a mini-garden on my balcony, what plants would you suggest?	I think I'm going to knock down the wall between my living room and my kitchen to give my house an "open" feeling.	I'd like to paint the outside of my house, but I'm not sure exactly what I'll need.

