

Working as a plumber in the UK

Vocabulary

Ex. 1. Match the words with their definitions.

1. detergent	a. a liquid added to dishwashers to help dishes dry without spots after washing.
2. plunger	b. the long stick inside a plunger that you push down to create pressure.
3. flux	c. an access point in plumbing that allows for cleaning out clogs or blockages.
4. boot	d. a device or machine designed to perform a specific household task, such as cooking or cleaning.
5. plunger rod	e. a protective cover that fits over a part of a machine to keep it safe from dirt or damage.
6. building sewer	f. a cleaning agent that removes dirt and stains from surfaces or fabrics.
7. cleanout	g. a large pipe that carries waste water from a building to the main sewage system.
8. glue	h. a tool used to clear blockages in pipes by creating suction.
9. appliance	i. a sticky material used to bond things together, like paper or wood.
10. rinse aid	j. a substance that helps metals melt and flow together during soldering or welding.

Ex. 2. Complete the sentences with the given words.

vehicle rack, procure, scale ruler, section view, strainer, Isometric drafting, weight capacity, store, underground layout, port opening

The _____ (1) on the drainage pipe allows water to flow out easily.

We need to clean the _____(2) regularly to prevent clogs in the sink.

The _____(3) of the pipes is essential for proper plumbing installation.

He installed a _____(4) on the back of his van for transporting tools.

It is important to know the _____(5) of the plumbing materials we use.

We must _____(6) new pipes and fittings before starting the plumbing project.

You should _____(7) your plumbing tools in a dry place to avoid rusting.

_____ (8) helps us understand how the pipelines will fit together in 3D.

A _____(9) is necessary for measuring the dimensions of the plumbing plans accurately.

The _____(10) of the plumbing system shows how the pipes connect through the walls.

Reading

Ex. 1. Read the text.

Working as a plumber in the UK involves a mix of technical skills and customer service. Plumbers install and repair water systems in various settings like homes, offices, and public buildings. They handle everything from leaky faucets to large-scale heating systems. To become a plumber, you typically need to complete vocational training or an apprenticeship, which provides both classroom learning and hands-on experience.

Good problem-solving skills are essential, as plumbers often diagnose issues and determine the best way to fix them. Communication is important too, since plumbers need to explain problems and solutions to customers who may not be familiar with technical terms. In the UK, plumbers must be knowledgeable about local building codes and health and safety regulations to ensure their work meets legal standards.

Being a plumber can be physically demanding, with tasks that require lifting heavy equipment and working in tight spaces. However, the job

can also be rewarding, as plumbers play a crucial role in maintaining essential services. The profession often offers job security and opportunities for self-employment, allowing skilled plumbers to start their own businesses. Overall, plumbing is a respectable trade that provides essential services and offers a variety of career opportunities.

Ex. 2. *Answer the questions.*

1. What are the main responsibilities of plumbers in the UK?
2. How does one typically become a plumber in the UK?
3. Why are good problem-solving skills important for plumbers?
4. In what ways is communication important for plumbers in their work?
5. What knowledge must plumbers in the UK have to ensure their work meets legal standards?
6. What are some physical demands that plumbers may face in their job?
7. What are some benefits and opportunities associated with being a plumber in the UK?

Communication

Ex. 1. *Make sentences using the following words.*

1. Plumbers/fix/pipes
2. They/work/homes
3. Plumbers/use/wrenches
4. Do/plumbers/license
5. Job/be/demanding
6. Plumbers/work/hours
7. They/building/codes
8. Plumbers/work/spaces
9. Plumbers/be/detail-oriented
10. Customers/rely/solve