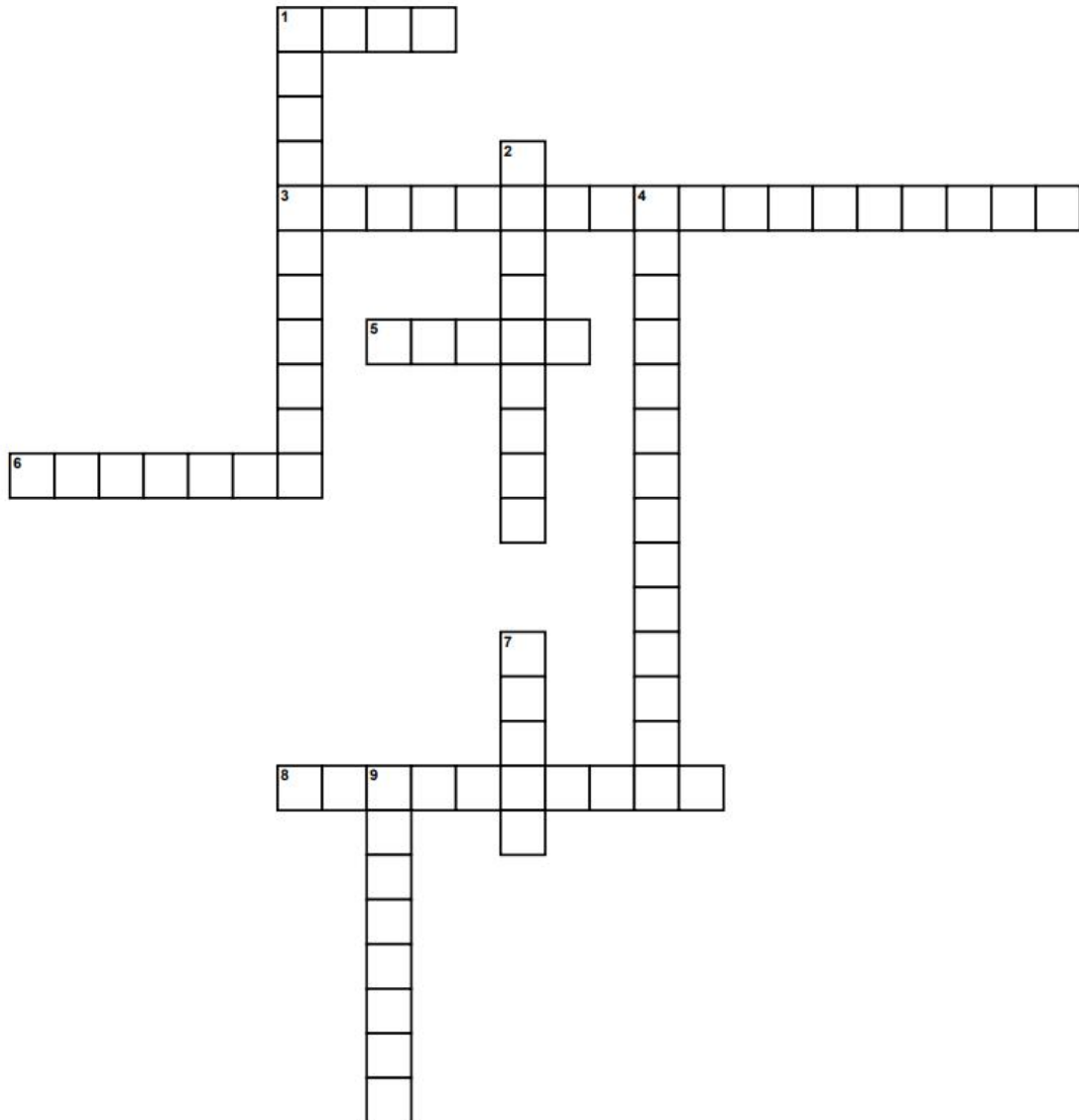


CLOGS

40.1. Vocabulary

Ex. 1. Solve the crossword puzzle.



Across

- [1] when something gets stuck and blocks a pipe or opening.
- [3] a machine that uses electricity to help clear blocked pipes.
- [5] a handle that you turn to make something move.
- [6] a tool with a rubber cup that helps push out clogs in sinks or toilets.
- [8] a tool with a long, flexible wire used to break up clogs in pipes.

Down

[1] a special tool for fixing problems in toilets.

[2] a tube that carries away dirty water from a building.

[4] a long, thin tool used to reach and remove clogs in pipes.

[7] to remove things that block or stop movement.

[9] something that stops the flow of water or air.

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

electric power auger, clear, plunger, plumber's snake, crank, closet auger, blockage, drainpipe, cable auger

The _____ (1) in the kitchen sink caused a lot of water to overflow onto the floor.

We used a _____ (2) to remove the deep clog in the bathroom toilet.

It took hours to _____ (3) the clog from the bathtub drain last Saturday.

To fix the toilet, we had to use a _____ (4) and some strong effort.

The _____ (5) on the old sink made it difficult to adjust the water flow correctly.

The _____ (6) was full of debris after the heavy rainstorm last week.

We decided to rent an _____ (7) to help with the stubborn blockage.

After trying the _____ (8), I finally managed to remove the stubborn clog from the sink.

I always keep a _____ (9) handy in case of sudden clogs that need quick attention.

40.2. Reading

Ex. 1. Read the text.

There are few household problems more frustrating than dealing with a stubborn clog. When the water in your sink or tub won't drain, you know it's time to take action. The first step is often to use a plunger. If this doesn't clear the blockage, you might need to move on to tools like a closet auger or a cable auger. For more severe blockage, a plumber's snake can break through the debris in the drainpipe.

Sometimes, these manual methods aren't enough. In such cases, an electric power auger can save the day. You should attach it to the clogged pipe and use the crank to push it through. This tool uses electric power to spin the auger, making it easier to break up even the toughest clogs. If all else fails, calling a plumber might be necessary, but often these tools are all you need to keep your drains running smoothly.

Ex. 2. Answer the questions.

1. What is the first step to take when dealing with a stubborn clog?
2. What tools can be used if a plunger does not clear the blockage?
3. How does a plumber's snake work to clear severe blockages?
4. When might an electric power auger be necessary?
5. How does an electric power auger make it easier to break up tough clogs?
6. What should you do if manual methods and electric power augers fail to clear the clog?
7. In what situations might calling a plumber be necessary?

40.3. Communication

Ex. 1. Make sentences using the following words:

1. kitchen/sink/clogged
2. cable/auger/clear
3. important/unclog/pipes
4. closet/auger/clearing
5. crank/remove/blockage
6. bathroom/drain/clogged
7. prevent/future/clogs
8. clearing/clog/plumbing
9. avoid/clogs/place
10. clogged/drain/water

40.4. Writing

Ex.1. *Write a short essay (100-140 words) on one of the given topics.*

- a) My experience dealing with a clogged drain and what I learned from it.
- b) How I discovered the importance of regular plumbing maintenance in my home.
- c) The time I tried to fix a clog myself and the lessons I took away from that adventure.