

Working as a plumber in the USA

Ex. 1. Match the words with their definitions.

1. underground layout	a. a method of drawing three-dimensional objects on a two-dimensional surface where all dimensions are represented at equal scale.
2. vehicle rack	b. a representation that shows what an object looks like when it is cut along a specific plane.
3. isometric drafting	c. a tool used to separate solid particles from liquids by passing the mixture through a mesh or perforated surface.
4. port opening	d. a plan showing the arrangement of spaces and structures below the ground level.
5. strainer	e. to keep items in a place for future use or safekeeping.
6. scale ruler	f. an entry point in a structure that allows access for ships or boats.
7. section view	g. a measuring tool marked with different ratios to help create accurate drawings or models.
8. procure	h. the maximum amount of weight that something can safely hold or support.
9. weight capacity	i. a framework attached to a vehicle for carrying items like luggage or bicycles.
10. store	j. to obtain or acquire something, often through effort or purchase.

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

plunger, flux, boot, cleanout allows, rinse aid, glue, plunger rod, building sewer, appliance, detergent

I used a _____(1) to clear the clogged toilet quickly this morning.

The plumber adjusted the _____(2) to fix the sink's drainage problem.

The _____(3) helped to connect the pipes securely without any leaks.

She picked the best _____(4) for repairing the broken piece of PVC pipe.

The _____(5) needs to be checked for any blockages every year.

The _____(6) easy access to the main sewer line for maintenance.

The new _____(7) in the kitchen requires special plumbing for installation.

The _____(8) on the pipe will prevent any leaks from causing water damage.

Using too much _____(9) can sometimes lead to clogged dishwasher drains.

He always adds a _____(10) to improve the drying performance of his dishes.

Reading

Ex. 1. Read the text.

Imagine waking up every day knowing that you are essential to your community. That's what it's like working as a plumber in the USA. Plumbers are highly skilled professionals who install and repair water, gas, and other piping systems in homes, businesses, and factories. It's a job that requires both technical knowledge and physical strength.

Typically, a plumber's day begins with checking their schedule and gathering the necessary tools. Jobs can range from fixing a leaky faucet to installing a complex water heating system. Plumbers need to understand blueprints and building codes to ensure everything works correctly and safely.

One of the best parts about being a plumber is the variety of work. Each day presents new challenges and requires different solutions. This keeps the job interesting and rewarding. Besides, plumbers often work independently, giving them a sense of freedom and autonomy.

Training and certification are crucial in this field. Most plumbers in the USA start as apprentices, learning the trade from experienced professionals. After completing their apprenticeship, they must pass licensing exams to become certified. Continuing education is also necessary to stay updated with the latest industry standards and technologies.

Additionally, the demand for plumbers is strong, offering job security and good earnings. With hard work and dedication, a plumber can build a successful and satisfying career.

Ex. 2. *Answer the questions.*

1. What are some tasks that plumbers in the USA typically handle?
2. How does a plumber's day usually start?
3. Why is it important for plumbers to understand blueprints and building codes?
4. What is one of the best parts about being a plumber, according to the text?
5. How do most plumbers in the USA begin their careers?
6. Why is training and certification crucial in the plumbing field?
7. What opportunities does the plumbing profession offer in terms of job security and earnings?

Communication

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

1. fixing/leaking/pipe
2. installing/new/sinks
3. repaired/broken/toilet
4. unclog/kitchen/sink
5. hired/plumber/boiler
6. burst/pipe/emergency
7. carries/toolbox/him
8. replace/old/shower
9. learned/fix/leaky
10. interested/becoming/professional

