

## Pros of Working as a Plumber

### Vocabulary

*Ex. 1. Complete the sentences with the given words:*

**cut, adjustable, pliers, level, shield, insert, copper, minus, drill,  
face, multiplied, plastic, first, aid, rotate, kit, driver, loosen**

I need to \_\_\_\_ (1) the table so that it doesn't wobble.

Do you have a nut \_\_\_\_ (2)? I need one to tighten these screws.

Can you pass me the \_\_\_\_ (3) wrench? I need to fix this pipe.

The angled jaw \_\_\_\_ (4) are great for reaching tight spaces.

He used a pistol \_\_\_\_ (5) to make holes in the wall.

The reciprocating saw cuts through wood easily.

When working with hot metal, always wear a \_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_ (7).

It's important to have a \_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_\_ (10) handy in case of emergencies.

Please \_\_\_\_ (11) the dial clockwise to increase the temperature.

I will use a saw to \_\_\_\_ (12) the piece of wood.

Make sure to \_\_\_\_ (13) the plug into the socket firmly.

You can \_\_\_\_ (14) the screw using a screwdriver.

The wire is made of \_\_\_\_ (15), which conducts electricity well.

The container is made of \_\_\_\_ (16), not glass.

Five \_\_\_\_ (17) three equals two.

Ten \_\_\_\_ (18) by six is equal to sixty.

## Reading

*Ex. 1. Read the text.*

### **Pros of Working as a Plumber**

**Job security:** Plumbing is a skilled job that can't be moved to another country. As long as there are buildings, plumbers will be needed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics says there will be more than 700,000 plumbing jobs by 2024.

**Great pay:** Plumbing is not easy and it pays well. In 2016, the median yearly wage for plumbers was \$51,450, which is higher than the median wage for all jobs.

**Opportunities for advancement:** As a plumber, you might start as an apprentice but can move up to journeyman and then master plumber. With each step, you can earn more money. You could also become a project manager or estimator for a construction company, or start your own business.

**Variety of work:** One day you might install a new bathroom in a house, and the next day you might work on a big commercial project. This variety makes the job interesting.

**Helping others:** Plumbing is important for people's health and safety. By making sure people have clean water and proper waste disposal, plumbers help keep the public safe.

*Ex. 2. Choose the correct answer.*

1. What kind of job security do plumbers have?
  - A. Plumbers can easily lose their jobs.
  - B. Plumbers' jobs can be easily moved to other countries.
  - C. Plumbers will always be needed as long as there are buildings.
  - D. Plumbers' jobs are only secure for a limited time.
2. How much do plumbers typically earn?
  - A. Plumbers earn less than the average person.

- B. Plumbers earn a lot more than most other jobs.
  - C. Plumbers earn around the same as the average person.
  - D. Plumbers earn a higher median yearly wage than other jobs.
3. What are some ways plumbers can advance in their careers?
- A. Plumbers can only become master plumbers.
  - B. Plumbers can become project managers or start their own business.
  - C. Plumbers can only work their way up to journeyman.
  - D. Plumbers cannot advance beyond being a master plumber.
4. What kind of work do plumbers do?
- A. Plumbers only work on commercial projects.
  - B. Plumbers only work on installing new bathrooms.
  - C. Plumbers work on a variety of residential and commercial projects.
  - D. Plumbers only do basic maintenance and repair work.
5. Why is plumbers' work important?
- A. Plumbers help keep people safe and healthy.
  - B. Plumbers play a vital role in the construction industry.
  - C. Plumbers provide a necessary service that cannot be automated.
  - D. Plumbers' work is undervalued by the general public.

### **Communication**

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

- 1. Plumbers/fix/leaky
- 2. Do/plumbers/work
- 3. Plumbing/is/important
- 4. Do/plumbers/need
- 5. Fixing/toilets/is
- 6. Plumbers/help/people
- 7. Are/plumbers/always

8. Plumbing/requires/skill
9. Can/plumbers/install
- 10.Plumbers/make/sure