

Plumbing issue Part II

Vocabulary

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

laundry, bathtub faucet, relief valve, check valve, inside diameter, sink, thickness, coupling, RPZ, CPVC pipe, kilopascal, bushing, gas cock, air gap, Ductile, stop-and-waste valve

An _____ (1) is essential to prevent contaminated water from entering the drinking supply.

The _____ (2) needs to be fixed because it leaks every time you turn it on.

A _____ (3) ensures that water flows in one direction and prevents backflow in pipes.

The _____ (4) must be turned off when not in use for safety reasons in the house.

After washing the dishes, I always rinse everything before placing it in the kitchen _____ (5).

Our _____ (6) is located in the basement, where we have a washer and dryer set up.

A _____ (7) is used to connect different-sized pipes in plumbing systems effectively.

The _____ (8) will help join two pieces of pipe together securely to prevent leaks.

The _____ (9) releases excess pressure to keep the plumbing system safe during operation.

The _____ (10) is critical for preventing contamination in the water supply from backflow situations.

The _____ (11) allows users to drain the water from pipes during winter months.

_____ (12) is commonly used for plumbing projects because of its durability and resistance.

_____ (13) materials are often preferred in plumbing for their ability to withstand high pressure without breaking.

Knowing the _____ (14) (ID) of the pipe is important for selecting the right fittings.

The _____ (15) of the pipe affects its strength and ability to handle high-pressure situations.

The _____ (16) measurement helps determine the pressure levels within a plumbing system.

Reading

Ex. 1. *Read the text.*

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention several plumbing issues that we have been experiencing at our apartment.

Firstly, there is a persistent leak in the kitchen sink that has worsened over the past week. Despite our attempts to tighten the connections, the problem persists. Additionally, the water pressure in the shower has significantly reduced, making it challenging to shower effectively.

Moreover, the toilet in the master bathroom frequently runs, which seems to be due to a malfunctioning flush valve. This not only wastes water but also creates an unpleasant noise, especially during the night. We kindly request someone be sent to address these concerns as soon as possible.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Jane Smith

Ex. 2. *Answer the questions.*

1. What is the main reason the writer is contacting the landlord?

A. To request a rent increase

- B. To report plumbing issues in the apartment
- C. To complain about the landlord's lack of attention
- D. To schedule a maintenance visit

2. According to the letter, which of the following plumbing problems is the writer experiencing?

- A. The kitchen sink is clogged.
- B. The shower is not producing hot water.
- C. The toilet is constantly running.
- D. All of the above.

3. What is the writer's primary concern with the toilet issue?

- A. The toilet is making loud noises.
- B. The toilet is wasting water.
- C. The toilet is not flushing properly.
- D. The toilet is leaking.

4. What is the writer's main request in the letter?

- A. To have the rent lowered
- B. To have the plumbing issues addressed promptly
- C. To schedule a maintenance appointment
- D. To have the landlord investigate the plumbing problems

5. What can be inferred about the writer's relationship with the landlord based on the tone of the letter?

- A. They have a confrontational relationship.
- B. They have a casual and informal relationship.
- C. They have a polite and professional relationship.
- D. They have a desperate and pleading relationship.

6. Which of the following best describes the overall purpose of the letter?
- A. To request a rent increase
 - B. To inform the landlord of plumbing issues
 - C. To complain about the landlord's lack of attention
 - D. To schedule a maintenance visit
7. What is the likely outcome the writer is hoping for by sending this letter?
- A. The landlord will ignore the request.
 - B. The landlord will raise the rent.
 - C. The landlord will send a plumber to fix the issues.
 - D. The landlord will offer to relocate the tenant.

Communication

Ex. 1. Make sentences using the following words.

- 1. plumber/fix/leaky
- 2. toilet/clogged/unclog
- 3. shower/head/replaced
- 4. checked/water/heater
- 5. sink/draining/slowly
- 6. call/maintenance/pipes
- 7. notice/water/stains
- 8. strange/noises/pipes
- 9. bathtub/draining/properly
- 10. pipe/burst/had