

Working as a plumber in Australia

Vocabulary

Ex. 1. Match the words with their definitions.

1. burial-depth	a. a fire protection system that uses pipes filled with air instead of water until needed.
2. horizontal branch	b. a small door or opening in a wall, floor, or roof for access.
3. leach field	c. a type of irrigation setup that delivers large amounts of water to an area quickly.
4. dry pipe system	d. a pipe that runs parallel to the ground to distribute fluids.
5. in-wall	e. an area where wastewater is filtered and absorbed into the ground.
6. backfill	f. located within the structure of a wall rather than on its surface.
7. hatch	g. able to support weight or pressure without collapsing.
8. fixture branch	h. a pipe that connects a plumbing fixture to the main supply line.
9. load bearing	i. the measurement of how deep something is buried underground.
10. deluge system	j. the process of filling an excavated hole with soil or other materials after construction work.

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

alignment, circuit breaker, flood, faulty, overlap, grease, build up, cam washer, limit, ball-type faucet

It is important to _____ (1) your skills in plumbing to fix leaks effectively.

A _____ (2) is an essential part of electrical safety in a home's plumbing system.

After the heavy rain, the _____ (3) caused many pipes to burst in the neighborhood.

When installing new plumbing, make sure to check for any _____(4) between the pipes.

You should use _____(5) on the threads of the faucet to prevent it from sticking.

There is a _____(6) to how much pressure the pipes can handle without bursting.

Proper _____(7) of pipes is crucial to avoid leaks in your plumbing system.

If the water does not flow properly, you may have a _____(8) valve somewhere in the system.

A _____(9) can make it easier to control the flow of water in the sink.

The _____(10) needs to be replaced if you notice any dripping from the faucet.

Reading

Ex. 1. Read the text.

Working as a plumber in Australia can be a rewarding career. Plumbers are responsible for installing, repairing, and maintaining pipes, fixtures, and other plumbing used for water distribution and wastewater disposal. This job not only requires skill and expertise but also the ability to solve problems quickly.

Australian plumbers often work in different environments, including residential homes, commercial buildings, and sometimes even on construction sites. The demand for skilled plumbers is high, making job security quite strong in this profession. Additionally, the pay is often good, reflecting the level of skill and responsibility required.

To become a licensed plumber in Australia, one usually needs to complete an apprenticeship, which involves both practical and theoretical training. This process can take several years, but it provides a comprehensive understanding of the trade. During the apprenticeship, trainees work under the supervision of experienced plumbers, gradually building their skills.

Australian plumbers also need to stay updated with local regulations and codes to ensure that their work complies with legal standards. It is crucial

for plumbers to be detail-oriented and to have strong communication skills to explain issues and solutions to clients.

Overall, a career in plumbing in Australia offers stability, good remuneration, and the satisfaction of providing an essential service to the community.

Ex. 2. *Answer the questions.*

1. What are the responsibilities of plumbers in Australia?
2. In what environments do Australian plumbers typically work?
3. How does one become a licensed plumber in Australia?
4. Why is it important for plumbers to stay updated with local regulations and codes?
5. What skills are necessary for a successful career as a plumber in Australia?
6. What are some benefits of working as a plumber in Australia?
7. How does completing an apprenticeship help trainees prepare for a career in plumbing?

Communication

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

1. Fixing/leaks/water
2. Plumbers/earn/income
3. Enjoy/working/hands
4. Helping/people/issues
5. Plumber/job/security
6. Skills/demand/market
7. Problem-solving/plumbing
8. Learning/techniques/exciting
9. Plumbers/sanitation/maintaining
10. Quality/service/customers