

## FIXTURES

### 14.1. Vocabulary

*Ex. 1. Match the words to their definitions.*

1. sink	a. A low, basin-like fixture in a bathroom used for personal hygiene after using the toilet.
2. bathroom	b. A flat surface in a kitchen or bathroom on which food can be prepared or items can be placed.
3. toilet	c. A basin used for washing dishes in the kitchen.
4. countertop	d. A room containing a bathtub or shower, sink, and toilet.
5. water closet	e. A bowl-shaped container used for washing or bathing, typically found in a bathroom.
6. kitchen	f. A room equipped with a toilet and sink, often found in public places.
7. shower	g. A room or area where food is prepared and cooked.
8. laundry	h. A device that releases a spray of water for washing oneself.
9. lavatory	i. A fixed receptacle into which waste material is discharged and flushed away.
10. bidet	j. A large container filled with water, used for taking baths.
11. basin	k. A room or area where

	clothes and linens are washed and sometimes dried.
12. bathtub	1. A small room or compartment containing a toilet.

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

**countertop, bathroom, shower, toilet, sink, laundry, kitchen, water, bidet, basin, bathtub**

I accidentally spilled water on the \_\_\_\_ (1) while washing dishes.

She bought a \_\_\_\_ (2) for her bathroom to enhance personal hygiene.

The \_\_\_\_ (3) in the bathroom was filled with warm water for him to wash his hands.

They took their dirty clothes to the \_\_\_\_ (4) to have them cleaned.

The \_\_\_\_ (5) in the kitchen was clogged, so they called a plumber to fix it.

He went to the \_\_\_\_ (6) to relieve himself after drinking too much water.

She enjoyed taking a long \_\_\_\_ (7) after a tiring day at work.

They prepared a delicious meal in the \_\_\_\_ (8) using fresh ingredients.

After a long day, she decided to relax in the \_\_\_\_ (9) with some scented candles.

The \_\_\_\_ (10) in their house had a large mirror and plenty of storage space.

They had to install a new \_\_\_\_ (11) closet in the building to comply with regulations.

## **14.2. Reading**

*Ex. 1. Read the text.*

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A fixture is something that is fixed in place, as opposed to being portable. It is usually attached to a wall, floor or ceiling.

Bathroom fixtures include the basin (also called sink), bathtub, shower, bidet, and toilet. In the USA, a bathroom may refer to any room containing a lavatory, even a public lavatory (in this sense, the term bathroom is used more frequently in the north eastern United States). In other countries, including the UK, Australia, France, and Japan, homes have a separate bathroom (with only a bath and/or shower) and a toilet in another room.

The kitchen is another place where there are many fixtures. These include the sink, countertop, dishwasher, oven, and refrigerator. The sink is also sometimes known as the wash basin or laundry tub, especially in older houses. In the UK, the word sink is also used for what Americans call a garbage disposal unit. A countertop (or benchtop, worktop, or kitchen bench) is a horizontal work surface in kitchens or other food preparation areas, bathrooms, or lavatories.

Other rooms of the house can also have fixtures. For example, the living room might have a fireplace and the dining room might have a chandelier. In some parts of the world, such as North America, a chandelier is often used to refer to any hanging light fixture. However, in British English, it refers only to a multi-armed decorative light fixture.

In the past, a fixture was something that was sold with a building and could not be removed. This meaning is still used in the phrase "fixtures and fittings". Fittings are things like light switches and door handles. The phrase is often abbreviated to just "fixtures" (e.g., when buying or selling a house) and can cause confusion because people don't always know what is included in the fixtures.

**Ex. 2.** *Choose the correct answer.*

1. What does the term "fixture" refer to?

A. Something that is portable.

B. Something that is attached to a wall, floor, or ceiling.

- C. Something that is used in the kitchen.
  - D. Something that is sold with a building.
2. In the USA, what does the term "bathroom" refer to?
- A. Any room containing a lavatory.
  - B. A room with only a bath and/or shower.
  - C. A public lavatory.
  - D. A separate room for a toilet.
3. What are some examples of bathroom fixtures?
- A. Basin, bathtub, shower, bidet, and toilet.
  - B. Sink, countertop, dishwasher, oven, and refrigerator.
  - C. Fireplace and chandelier.
  - D. Light switches and door handles.
4. What is a countertop?
- A. A horizontal work surface in kitchens or other food preparation areas.
  - B. A separate room for a toilet.
  - C. A hanging light fixture.
  - D. Things like light switches and door handles.
5. What is the meaning of the phrase "fixtures and fittings"?
- A. Things that are sold with a building and cannot be removed.
  - B. Things that are used in the kitchen.
  - C. Things that are attached to a wall, floor, or ceiling.
  - D. Things like light switches and door handles.
6. How is the term "chandelier" used in British English?
- A. Referring to any hanging light fixture.

- B. Referring to a multi-armed decorative light fixture.
  - C. Referring to a separate room for a toilet.
  - D. Referring to a public lavatory.
7. What can cause confusion when using the term "fixtures"?
- A. People not knowing what is included in the fixtures.
  - B. People thinking fixtures are portable.
  - C. People confusing fixtures with fittings.
  - D. People not understanding the term "fixture" at all.

### **14.3. Communication**

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

1. basin/filled/water
2. sink/next/stove
3. bathtub/big/white
4. toilet/flushing/mechanism
5. water closet/located/bathroom
6. basin/made/ceramic
7. sink/house/where
8. bathtub/showerhead/have
9. toilet/flush/please
10. water closet/used/what