

Working as a plumber

Vocabulary

Ex. 1. Match the words with their definitions.

1. remove	a. a sharp piece that goes on a drill to make holes.
2. basin wrench	b. to turn around a central point or axis.
3. rotate	c. a handle that controls the flow of water in a shower.
4. shower faucet	d. a tool with a thin blade used to cut hard materials.
5. rigid	e. not able to bend or change shape easily.
6. vacuum	f. a tool that helps you turn and hold nuts in tight spaces.
7. drill bit	g. a device that lets out extra pressure from a system.
8. earplugs	h. small pieces that you put in your ears to block noise.
9. hacksaw	i. to take something away from a place.
10. relief valve	j. a space that has no air or matter inside it.

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

solution, secure, clog, service panel, chain, Continuous waste, disposal, cam washer, tank, loop vent
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The _____(1)helps to prevent water leaks in the plumbing system.

A _____(2) in the pipes can cause a backup in the sink or toilet.

The _____(3) connects the toilet handle to the flapper inside the tank.

Always check the _____(4) before starting any plumbing repairs.

Finding the right _____(5) is important for fixing plumbing issues efficiently.

_____ (6) systems allow for smooth drainage without interruptions.

We need to fix the _____(7) because it's not grinding the food properly.

Make sure to _____(8) the pipes tightly to avoid any future leaks.

The _____(9) of the toilet refills automatically after every flush we make.

A _____(10) can help maintain proper airflow in the plumbing system.

Reading

Ex. 1. Read the text.

Plumbing can seem like a daunting task, especially if you've never touched a wrench before. However, a few simple life hacks can help beginners solve common issues. One of the most useful tools is plumber's tape. Wrapping it around pipe threads helps prevent leaks. When dealing with a clogged drain, a cup of baking soda followed by a cup of vinegar can often clear blockages without harsh chemicals. If you notice your faucet is dripping, it might be a worn-out washer. Replacing it is usually straightforward. First, turn off the water supply, remove the faucet handle, and replace the old washer with a new one.

Another handy trick is knowing the location of your main water shut-off valve. In case of a major leak, turning off the water quickly can save you a lot of trouble. If you're unsure, check near the water meter or in the basement. Finally, always have a basic toolkit ready, including a wrench, plunger, and pipe cutter. With these simple tricks, plumbing doesn't have to be overwhelming.

Ex. 2. Answer the questions.

1. How can plumber's tape help prevent leaks in plumbing?
2. What household items can be used to clear a clogged drain without harsh chemicals?
3. What is a common cause of a dripping faucet, and how can it be fixed?

4. Why is it important to know the location of your main water shut-off valve?
5. Where can you typically find the main water shut-off valve in a home?
6. What basic tools should be included in a plumbing toolkit for beginners?
7. How can having a basic toolkit help make plumbing tasks less overwhelming?

Communication

Ex. 1. Make sentences using the following words:

1. plumber/fixed/leaky
2. sink/clogged/professional
3. important/fixing/plumbing
4. water/heater/replaced
5. unclog/drain/know
6. toilet/constantly/repair
7. buy/faucet/kitchen
8. licensed/plumber/recommended
9. shower/head/leaking
10. regular/maintenance/prevent