

Plumbing Tools and Equipment – A2

English for Plumbers | Elementary

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Note: Exercise 8 (Listening) is completed using the interactive online lesson only.

Vocabulary

Word	Meaning	Example
pipe cutter	a tool used to cut pipes cleanly and evenly	"Use the pipe cutter to cut the copper pipe."
blowtorch	a tool that produces a flame to heat pipes for soldering	"Light the blowtorch carefully before you start."
spirit level	a tool used to check that a surface or pipe is perfectly flat	"Check the pipe with a spirit level."
tape measure	a long flexible ruler used to measure distances	"Get the tape measure and check the length."
hacksaw	a hand saw used to cut metal or plastic pipe	"Use the hacksaw to cut the plastic pipe."
pliers	a gripping tool used to hold or turn objects	"Use the pliers to hold the fitting still."
screwdriver	a tool used to turn screws in or out	"Pass me the screwdriver for the bracket."
drill	a powered tool used to make holes in walls or floors	"Use the drill to make a hole in the wall."
putty	a soft material used to fill gaps and make a seal around fixtures	"Apply putty around the base of the tap."
sealant	a liquid or paste that dries to block water from passing through a gap	"Run a line of sealant along the edge."
bucket	a container used to catch or carry water on a job	"Put a bucket under the pipe before you remove it."
funnel	a cone-shaped tool used to pour liquid into a narrow opening	"Use the funnel to add water to the system."
rubber mallet	a hammer with a soft rubber head used to tap fittings into place	"Tap the fitting gently with the rubber mallet."
thread tape	a thin white tape wrapped around pipe threads to create a watertight seal	"Wrap thread tape around the thread before fitting."
clamp	a device used to hold pipes or parts firmly in position	"Use a clamp to hold the pipe while you work."

Exercise 1 - True or False?

Read each sentence. Write True or False on the line.

1. A pipe cutter is used to cut pipes cleanly. _____
2. A spirit level tells you how hot a pipe is. _____
3. Thread tape is wrapped around a pipe thread to stop leaks. _____
4. A blowtorch is used to measure distances. _____
5. A hacksaw is a type of saw used to cut metal or plastic pipe. _____
6. A rubber mallet has a soft head and is used to tap fittings into place. _____
7. Sealant is a material that dries to block water from passing through a gap. _____
8. A clamp is used to heat copper pipe before soldering. _____

Exercise 2 - Multiple Choice

Circle the correct word.

1. Cut the copper pipe carefully with the ____.
spirit level / pipe cutter / funnel / bucket
2. Wrap ____ around the thread to make a watertight connection.
sealant / putty / thread tape / clamp
3. Use the ____ to check that the pipe is completely level.
hacksaw / pliers / spirit level / tape measure
4. Light the ____ and heat the joint until the solder flows in.
rubber mallet / screwdriver / drill / blowtorch
5. Put a ____ under the pipe to catch any water when you open the joint.
clamp / putty / funnel / bucket
6. Apply ____ around the base of the sink to stop water getting underneath.
hacksaw / sealant / pliers / thread tape
7. Hold the fitting still with the ____ while you tighten the nut.
rubber mallet / blowtorch / spirit level / pliers
8. Tap the fitting gently into position using the ____.
tape measure / screwdriver / rubber mallet / drill

Exercise 3 - Matching

Match each word (1-8) with the correct description (A-H).

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| 1. pipe cutter ____ | A. A thin tape wound around male threads to create a leak-free connection |
| 2. blowtorch ____ | B. A tool with a bubble in liquid used to confirm something is perfectly horizontal |
| 3. spirit level ____ | C. A hand-held saw with a fine blade designed for cutting through metal or hard plastic |
| 4. thread tape ____ | D. A material applied to a gap or joint that sets hard to prevent water passing through |
| 5. hacksaw ____ | E. A device that grips and holds a pipe or fitting firmly while work is carried out |
| 6. clamp ____ | F. A device that produces a controlled flame for heating metal joints |

7. sealant ____

G. A soft-headed hammer used to knock fittings into place without causing damage

8. rubber mallet ____

H. A tool that slices through pipe to give a clean, straight cut

Exercise 4 - Gap Fill

Write the correct word in each gap. The word is given in brackets.

1. Use the _____ to measure the length of pipe you need to cut. (tape measure)
2. Apply _____ around the base of the toilet to create a watertight seal. (putty)
3. Use the _____ to cut through the plastic pipe quickly. (hacksaw)
4. Put a _____ under the trap before you loosen the nut. (bucket)
5. Use the _____ to make a hole in the wall for the new pipe. (drill)
6. Wrap _____ around the thread three times before fitting the connector. (thread tape)
7. Tap the fitting gently with the _____ until it sits flush. (rubber mallet)
8. Hold the nut with the _____ while you tighten the other side. (pliers)

Exercise 5 - Word Order

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. pipe / the / cutter / to / cut / Use / copper / the

2. a / Check / with / spirit / level / the / pipe

3. thread / Wrap / the / thread / tape / around

4. the / pipe / a / bucket / Put / under

5. the / mallet / rubber / with / fitting / gently / the / Tap

6. Light / blowtorch / carefully / the

7. Use / the / a / the / to / wall / drill / make / in / hole

8. sealant / Apply / along / of / edge / the / the / sink

Exercise 6 - Word Sort

Write each word in the correct column.

Words: blowtorch | spirit level | drill | tape measure | pipe cutter | thread tape | sealant | hacksaw

Cutting and Shaping

Measuring and Sealing

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Exercise 7 - Complete the Conversation

Choose the correct word to complete each gap in the conversation.

Apprentice: Where is the _____? I need to cut this copper pipe.

(pipe cutter / funnel / bucket / clamp)

Plumber: It is in the van. Also, wrap some _____ around the thread first.

(drill / putty / thread tape / hacksaw)

Apprentice: OK. Do I need the _____ to heat the joint afterwards?

(spirit level / rubber mallet / screwdriver / blowtorch)

Plumber: Yes. But first, put a _____ under the pipe. There will be some water.

(pliers / bucket / tape measure / clamp)

Apprentice: Good idea. And should I check it with the _____ when it is fitted?

(spirit level / funnel / hacksaw / sealant)

Plumber: Yes, always. Then apply some _____ along the edge to finish.

(sealant / pliers / clamp / drill)

Apprentice: And tap the fitting in with the _____?

(rubber mallet / blowtorch / spirit level / tape measure)

Plumber: Exactly. Good work today.

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Teacher Answer Key

Note: Exercise 8 (Listening) is online only and not included in this PDF.

Exercise 1

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. True
7. True
8. False

Exercise 2

1. pipe cutter
2. thread tape
3. spirit level
4. blowtorch
5. bucket
6. sealant
7. pliers
8. rubber mallet

Exercise 3

1. pipe cutter -> H
2. blowtorch -> F
3. spirit level -> B
4. thread tape -> A
5. hacksaw -> C
6. clamp -> E
7. sealant -> D
8. rubber mallet -> G

Exercise 4

1. tape measure
2. putty
3. hacksaw
4. bucket

5. drill
6. thread tape
7. rubber mallet
8. pliers

Exercise 5

1. Use the pipe cutter to cut the copper
2. Check the pipe with a spirit level
3. Wrap tape around the thread
4. Put a bucket under the pipe
5. Tap the fitting gently with the rubber mallet
6. Light the blowtorch carefully
7. Use the drill to make a hole in the wall
8. Apply the sealant along the edge of the sink

Exercise 6

Cutting and Shaping: pipe cutter, hacksaw, blowtorch, drill

Measuring and Sealing: tape measure, spirit level, thread tape, sealant

Exercise 7

Apprentice: pipe cutter

Plumber: thread tape

Apprentice: blowtorch

Plumber: bucket

Apprentice: spirit level

Plumber: sealant

Apprentice: rubber mallet