

Plumbing Vocabulary

English for Construction | A2 Level

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Vocabulary

Word	Meaning	Example
pipe	a long tube that carries water	"The water travels through the pipe."
tap	a device you turn to control water flow	"Turn off the tap when you finish."
valve	a part that opens and closes to control flow	"Close the valve to stop the water."
drain	a hole or pipe that removes waste water	"The drain is blocked with dirt."
fitting	a small part that connects pipes together	"We need a new fitting for this joint."
wrench	a tool used to tighten or loosen nuts and bolts	"Pass me the wrench, please."
seal	a material that stops water from escaping a joint	"Check the seal around the tap."
leak	water escaping from where it should not	"There is a leak under the sink."
joint	the place where two pipes connect	"Tighten the joint to stop the drip."
flush	to clean a pipe or toilet by pushing water through it	"Flush the pipe before you connect it."
basin	a sink, usually in a bathroom	"Fit the tap to the basin."
washer	a small flat ring that helps create a tight seal	"Replace the washer to fix the drip."

Exercise 1 – True or False?

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

1. A pipe is a long tube that carries water. _____
2. You use a wrench to cut pipes. _____
3. A leak means water is escaping where it should not. _____
4. A washer is a large metal pipe. _____
5. You flush a pipe to clean it with water. _____
6. A drain removes waste water. _____
7. A joint is the place where two pipes meet. _____
8. A basin is a type of outdoor drain. _____

Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice

Circle the correct word.

1. There is a ____ under the sink. Water is on the floor.

flush / basin / joint / leak

2. Turn the ____ to stop the water coming out.

tap / drain / fitting / seal

3. We need a new ____ to connect these two pipes.

washer / fitting / valve / wrench

4. The ____ is blocked. The water cannot go down.

tap / joint / pipe / drain

5. Use a ____ to tighten the nut on the pipe.

wrench / basin / seal / flush

6. Check the ____ around the tap. It is old and cracked.

seal / pipe / joint / valve

7. Open the ____ slowly to let the water through.

basin / washer / fitting / valve

8. Replace the ____ inside the tap to stop the dripping.

washer / joint / pipe / drain

Exercise 3 – Matching

Match each word (1–8) with the correct description (A–H). Write the letter on the line.

1. pipe ____

A. A material placed at a joint to prevent water from escaping

2. tap ____

B. A small connector used to join two pipes together

3. drain ____

C. A fixed bowl in a bathroom used for washing hands

4. seal ____

D. The point where two pipes are connected to each other

5. fitting ____

E. An opening that removes used water from a sink or floor

6. flush ____

F. To push water through a pipe or toilet to clean it

7. basin ____

G. A long tube that carries water from one place to another

8. joint ____

H. A device on a wall or sink that controls the flow of water

Exercise 4 – Gap Fill

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

1. The _____ under the bathroom floor is old and needs replacing. (pipe)

2. There is a small _____ at the joint. We need to fix it today. (leak)

3. I need a _____ to tighten this nut. Do you have one? (wrench)

4. Replace the _____ inside the tap and the dripping will stop. (washer)

5. Turn off the _____ before you start work on the pipe. (valve)
6. The _____ is blocked. Water is not going down. (drain)
7. Fit the tap to the _____ and connect the water supply. (basin)
8. Check every _____ on the pipe. One of them is loose. (fitting)

Exercise 5 – Word Order

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

1. Pass / me / wrench / please / the

2. There / sink / the / leak / is / under / a

3. the / Close / stop / water / valve / the / to

4. drip / fix / tap / the / the / Replace / to / washer

5. start / tap / work / the / you / Turn / before / off

6. the / joint / at / Check / the / seal

7. the / connect / you / pipe / before / it / Flush

8. is / The / dirt / blocked / drain / with

Exercise 6 – Word Sort

Write each word in the correct column.

Words: wrench | joint | washer | fitting | leak | flush | drain | valve

Tools & Equipment	Water & Flow
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Exercise 7 – Complete the Conversation

Choose the correct word to complete the conversation. Words may be used once only.

Word bank: seal | valve | fitting | flush | leak | pipe | drain

Supervisor: Morning. Have you checked the _____ under the basin?

Plumber: Yes. There is a small _____. Water is dripping onto the floor.

Supervisor: OK. Is the _____ closed?

Plumber: Yes, I closed it before I started work.

Supervisor: Good. Check the _____ at each joint first.

Plumber: I already checked. Two of them are cracked.

Supervisor: Replace them. Use a new _____ on each one.

Plumber: No problem. I have the parts in my bag.

Supervisor: After that, _____ the pipe to clear any dirt.

Plumber: OK. I will check the _____ at the end too.

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Teacher Answer Key

Exercise 1 – True or False

1. True
2. False — a wrench tightens or loosens nuts and bolts
3. True
4. False — a washer is a small flat ring
5. True
6. True
7. True
8. False — a basin is a sink, usually in a bathroom

Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice

1. leak
2. tap
3. fitting
4. drain
5. wrench
6. seal
7. valve
8. washer

Exercise 3 – Matching

1. pipe → G
2. tap → H
3. drain → E
4. seal → A
5. fitting → B
6. flush → F
7. basin → C
8. joint → D

Exercise 4 – Gap Fill

1. pipe
2. leak
3. wrench
4. washer
5. valve
6. drain

- 7. basin
- 8. fitting

Exercise 5 – Word Order

- 1. Pass me the wrench please
- 2. There is a leak under the sink
- 3. Close the valve to stop the water
- 4. Replace the washer to fix the drip
- 5. Turn the tap off before you start work
- 6. Check the seal at the joint
- 7. Flush the pipe before you connect it
- 8. The drain is blocked with dirt

Exercise 6 – Word Sort

Tools & Equipment: wrench, fitting, washer, joint
Water & Flow: valve, drain, flush, leak

Exercise 7 – Conversation

- Gap 1: pipe
- Gap 2: leak
- Gap 3: valve
- Gap 4: seal
- Gap 5: fitting
- Gap 6: flush
- Gap 7: drain