



HOME IMPROVEMENTS



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1

Warm up

In pairs, discuss the questions below.

1. What do the letters D.I.Y stand for?
2. Why do people make home improvements?
3. Do you like watching home improvement programmes?
4. Have you ever used an online tutorial to learn how to do home improvements or repairs?





2

Vocabulary

Part A: Label the pictures below with the correct phrase.

change the lighting

paint the walls

fix a leak

remodel the kitchen

landscape the garden

replace broken tiles

lay wooden floorboards

restore old furniture



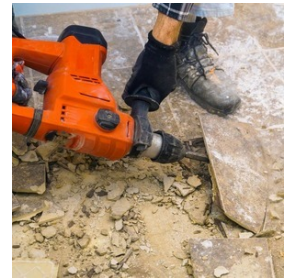
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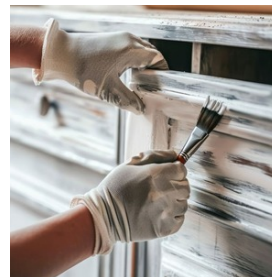
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6. _____



7. _____



8. _____

Do you usually do home improvements yourself or do you hire a professional?

Part B: Match the name of the professionals to what they do on the right.

1. a construction worker

2. an electrician

3. a painter

4. a plumber

5. an interior decorator

6. an exterminator

7. a locksmith

a. fixes problems with wires in the houses

b. fixes problems with your pipes

c. eliminates rats, mice and insects in your home

d. builds houses, flats, buildings, etc.

e. changes the colour of your walls

f. fixes broken locks

g. chooses furniture for your home

Have you ever used any of the professionals above in your home? What did they do? How was the experience?



3

Listening

Listen to Helen talking to Fiona about her home improvements. Why is she having work done to her house? Then listen again and write down the improvements/repairs she mentions.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

4

Focus on language

Read the sentences from the audio and choose the correct meaning.

1. Helen had the kitchen remodelled.
 - a. she remodelled it herself
 - b. she arranged for someone to remodel it
2. Helen got some appliances installed.
 - a. she installed them herself
 - b. she arranged for someone to install them
3. Helen painted the walls cream.
 - a. she painted the walls herself
 - b. she arranged for someone to paint the walls
4. She had the leak fixed.
 - a. she fixed the leak herself
 - b. she arranged for someone to fix the leak
5. She had the light fixtures changed.
 - a. she changed the lighting fixtures herself
 - b. she arranged for someone to change the lighting fixtures
6. She is going to landscape the garden.
 - a. she is going to landscape the garden herself
 - b. she is going to arrange for someone to landscape the garden



Complete the form in the box.

- to have something done - when you arrange for someone else to do something for you
- to have + _____ + _____

5**Practice**

Part A: In pairs, take turns asking each other why they hired a professional. Answer the questions using *to have something done*.

- Example: Why did you hire an electrician? *To have the wires checked because they were old.*

Why did you hire ...?

- a plumber
- a construction worker
- a painter and decorator
- a locksmith
- a gardener
- an interior designer
- an exterminator

Part B: Complete the sentences following the example.

1. Suzi didn't remodel the bathroom herself. She had it remodelled.
2. I won't fix the leak in the kitchen myself. I _____
3. They aren't going to paint their house themselves. They _____
4. He shouldn't replace the broken tile himself as he will do more damage. He _____
5. We didn't have time to landscape the garden ourselves. We _____



Part C: Use the structure have something done, and the words in the brackets to complete the sentences.

1. We _____ the bedroom walls _____ at the moment. (paint)
2. My house is finally cool. I _____ air conditioning _____ yesterday. (install)
3. I lost my keys. I'll have to _____ a new set _____. (make)
4. The kitchen is a disaster. I haven't _____ the leak _____ because the plumber is not available until Saturday. (fixed)
5. Your garden looks like a jungle. When was the last time you _____ the grass _____? (cut)
6. Have you _____ the bathroom _____? It looks different. (remodel)
7. How often do you _____ the walls _____? (paint)

6**Speaking**

Read the questions and make some notes about your experiences and ideas. Then ask your partner. Do you have similar or different responses?

	you	your partner
What are some home improvements you have made in the past year? Did you do them yourself or did you have someone do them for you? Explain your reasons.		
What are some home improvements you would like to make? Would you do them yourself, or have them done by a professional? Explain your reasons.		



7

Optional extension / homework

Match the tools to the correct pictures.

axe
roller

electric drill
saw

hammer
screw

nails
screwdriver

paintbrush
spanner

pliers
tape measure



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



4. _____

5. _____

6. _____



7. _____

8. _____

9. _____



10. _____

11. _____

12. _____