



Get Technical

EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Learn and practice new verbs and phrasal verbs to explain how to mend things, how to do DIY and how to assemble furniture.

Activity One ***A****sk and* ***A****nswer:*

1. Do you tend to mend things at home when they are broken?
2. Can you mend electrical appliances?
3. Do you darn holes in socks or do you throw the socks away? Do you sew buttons on to shirts and cardigans or just leave them missing?
4. Do you get satisfaction from repairing things?
5. Do you find it hard to find the time to repair things?
6. Are you good at assembling furniture?
7. Are you good at DIY in general?



"A stitch in time saves nine."

Activity Two - **T**echnical **Verbs**

Use the verbs in the **word cloud** to make sentences to talk about the images around it:



Stitch Attach

Darn Stick

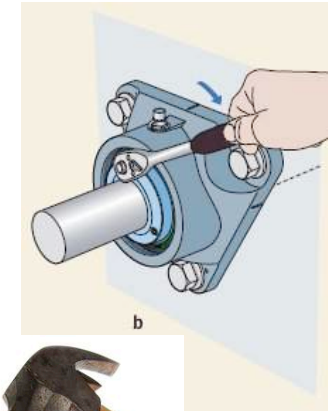
Sew Mend

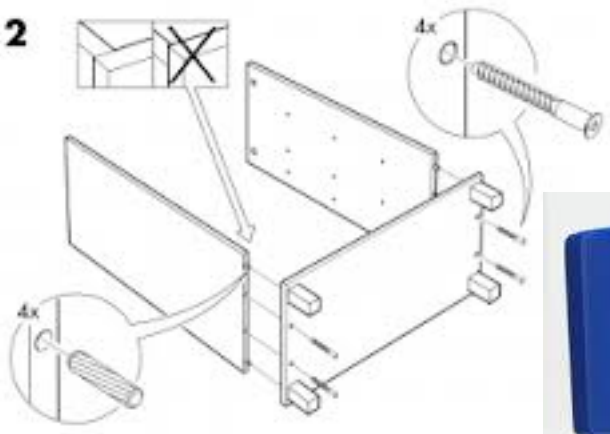
Screw up Assemble Tighten

Undo Dismantle Scrape off Remove Unscrew















Activity Three - ACT it OUT

Using the verbs from the word cloud show AN ACTION to the rest of the group and see who can describe the action first. "*Guess what I am doing?"*

Activity Four - ASSEMBLE - Give instructions to follow the assembly plans below then **draw and explain your own** *(be creative about what you are assembling..).* Remember you will need PHRASAL VERBS - for example:
CUT OFF, STICK ON, SCREW UP, DO UP, PUT UP, PUT TOGETHER, FALL APART.



Activity Five - QUICK FIX - **Give instructions** to someone to explain how to:
1/ CHANGE A BATTERY IN THE REMOTE CONTROL 2/ REMOVE A SIM CARD FROM A PHONE
3/ CHANGE A LIGHTBULB 4/ PUT PETROL IN YOUR CAR
5/ CHANGE THE WHEEL OF YOUR CAR
6/ REPAIR A PUNCTURE.



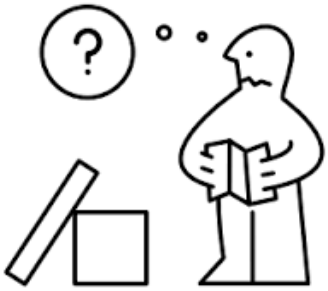
Activity Six - ComPreHenSion - Read the article from the Sunday Express (British Newspaper) about IKEA and answer the questions:

Women are better than men at DIY

Assembling flat-pack furniture is a good way of starting an argument between couples.

Women are better at putting together bookshelves than men, according to a female boss at furniture store Ikea. The man of the house may want to show off his "construction skills" while women actually are better at DIY, according to Petra Hesser, head of IKEA Germany.

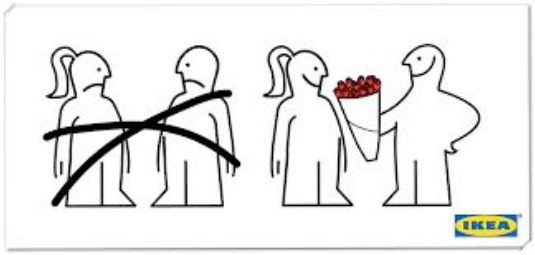
This is because women approaching the taskcalmly and follow the instructions from beginning to end, she said.



"Men never look at the directions and have the most problems with construction because they always think they don't need to." Confirming that women are better at putting together their furniture, she said: "Tests have shown this to be true."

Ms Hesser said that even though the instructions might be confusing and complex, women more often take the time to study them first, but men are impatient and attack the job with no clue what they are doing. Ms Hesser added: "The woman first sorts the parts in an orderly way. Men throw them in a pile and then something goes missing."

Psychologist Gladeana McMahon said it was little surprise that women prove wrong the stereotypical image that they are poor at DIY. She said: "Men often joke about women not being very good at DIY but it is not the case at all. Women are far more patient and look at things in a much calmer way than men. "They take their time, whereas men often feel under pressure to achieve things quickly. "Men think they should be able to do these kind of tasks easily, as if it is wired into their DNA. "But women take it more in their stride and, importantly, are not afraid to ask for help. "Men won't ask for help often because they see it as an affront to their masculinity. "Women are good at multi-tasking and use both sides of their brains, which helps them to work things out, whereas men are much more linear in their approach.".



QUESTIONS:

1 Who is interviewed in the article?
2 Why are women better than men at DIY?
3 Is this true in your experience?
4 Why don't men want to ask for help?
5 What's the difference between the way men and women approach DIY?
6 Identify the phrasal verbs in this text.
7 Why do you think some people find IKEA instructions confusing?
8 Do you find them confusing?
9 What's your technique for assembling furniture?
10 How long does it usually take you to put up some bookshelves or an IKEA table?

Activity Seven - DISMANTLE - Challenge a partner/ member of the opposite team to explain how he/she would DISMANTLE something. (Choose whatever you want..).

Activity Eight **What went wrong?** With your partner describe what's wrong in these images. Let's see which pair finishes explaining first.









Activity Nine Mr Bean doing DIY - Watch the video and answer the questions.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S328nyn8Dc8

1. What's the first mistake Mr Bean makes?
2. Why did that mistake occur?
3. What does he decide to do about it? How does he take measurements?
4. What's the problem with his measurements?
5. How does he solve the problem?
6. Which tools does he use to make a big hole in the wall?
7. What else does he cut a hole into?
8. Why does he pause when he is cutting the hole?
9. What does he do with the panel he removes?



Activity Ten -***Tools*** **of the trade**. Brainstorm the names of as many DIY tools as possible...

