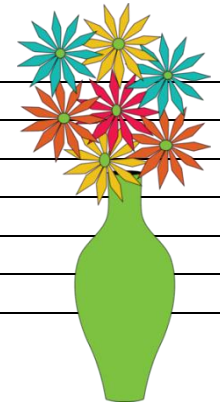




Describing Problems

New Vocabulary



| | | |
|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| break down | gone sour | pitcher |
| collar | hem | refund |
| deliver | keys (keyboard) | shrink |
| discount | lining | undercooked |
| filthy | overheat | vase |
| go off | pipe | |

Problems

| | peel | scratch | tear | stain | leak | damage | chip | dent | crack | loose | wrinkle | break | dull | dirty | burn |
|---------|------|---------|------|-------|------|--------|------|------|-------|-------|---------|-------|------|-------|------|
| glass | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| paper | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| cloth | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| plastic | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | |
| wood | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| metal | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | |

↓
wallpaper
paint

↓
sink
toilet
faucet
pipe
shower

↓
car
refrigerator
stove
pipe

↓
glasses
screws

↓
knife
scissors
blades

Problems

| Verb | Participle as Adjective | Noun |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------|
| peel | peeled | - |
| scratch | scratched | scratch |
| tear | torn | tear |
| stain | stained | stain |
| leak | leaking * | leak |
| damage | damaged | some damage |
| chip | chipped | chip |
| dent | dented | dent |
| | ↓ | ↓ |

is / are

has / have

| Verb | Participle as Adjective | Noun |
|---------|-------------------------|---------------|
| crack | cracked | crack |
| burn | burned | burn |
| wrinkle | wrinkled | some wrinkles |
| break | broken | - |
| - | dull * | - |
| - | dirty * | - |
| loosen | loose * | - |
| | ↓ | ↓ |

is / are

has / have

Structures

* Subject + Be + past participle as adjective // exception: leaking (present participle)

- e.g. The carpet is stained.
- This microwave oven is damaged.
- The faucet is leaking.
- The glasses are scratched.

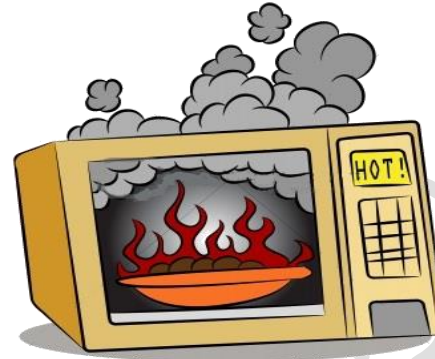


* Subject + have/has + noun

- e.g. The carpet has a stain.
- This microwave oven has some damage.
- The faucet has a leak.
- The glasses have some scratches.

* There is/are + a/some + noun + object

- e.g. There is a stain on the carpet.
 There is some damage on that microwave oven.
 There is a leak in the faucet.
 There are some scratches on the glasses.



Suggesting Solutions

* Add -ing or -ed.

| | | | |
|--------|----------|---------|---------|
| adjust | lengthen | repair | shorten |
| clean | loosen | replace | tighten |
| empty | narrow | sew | wash |
| fix | pick up | shampoo | water |
| iron | repaint | sharpen | widen |

Structures

* Subject + need (s) + gerund (verb + -ing)

- e.g. The carpet is stained. It needs shampooing.
 This microwave oven has some damage. It needs repairing.
 There is a leak in the faucet. It needs adjusting.
 The glasses are scratched. They need replacing.

* Subject + need (s) + passive infinitive (to be + past participle)

- e.g. The carpet is stained. It needs to be shampooed.
 This microwave oven has some damage. It needs to be repaired.
 There is a leak in the faucet. It needs to be adjusted.
 The glasses are scratched. They need to be replaced.



Problems with Electronics and Appliances

| | | |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| burn (burning) | flicker (flickering) | skip (skipping) |
| crash (crashing) | freeze (freezing) | stick (sticking) |
| die (dying) | go off (going off) | |
| drop (dropping) | jam (jamming) | |

Structures

* Subject + keep (s) + gerund (verb + -ing)

- e.g. This cell phone is damaged. It keeps dropping the calls.
There's something wrong with this alarm. It keeps going off.
This keyboard needs repairing. The keys keep jamming.
This CD player is broken. The tracks keep skipping.

