

Lesson 78: Housing

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Ichiro: (on the phone) Hi, William. Do you know a good plumber?

William: I do my own plumbing so I don't know any plumbers. What's wrong?

Ichiro: It's my water faucet. It's been leaking for weeks now. To make matters worse, my kitchen sink just **clogged up** today.

William: It's high time you had your pipes fixed. Plumbers charge a lot of money, though.

Ichiro: That's what I heard. I'm thinking of fixing it myself. What do you think?

William: It's pretty easy as long as you don't mind getting your hands dirty.

Ichiro: Can you come over and tell me how to do it?

William: You don't need me, Ichiro. Just search for the instructions on the internet. I learned how to do it on You Tube.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. Sewers in cities are usually **clogged up** with trash.
2. A: What did the doctor say? B: He said that my arteries are **clogged up**.
3. Rain spouts get **clogged up** with leaves during autumn.

* clog up (with...) / [管などが] (...) で詰まる

3. Your Task

You are a real estate agent. Someone has phoned you and asked about an apartment that you are very familiar with. Describe the place to the caller. Don't forget that you are trying to sell the apartment so you have to give an impressive description.

4. Let's Talk

When you have a problem with the house fixtures and plumbing, do you call someone to repair them? Explain your answer. Should men know how to fix things in the house or do you think women should know how to repair stuff too? Why do you say so?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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