

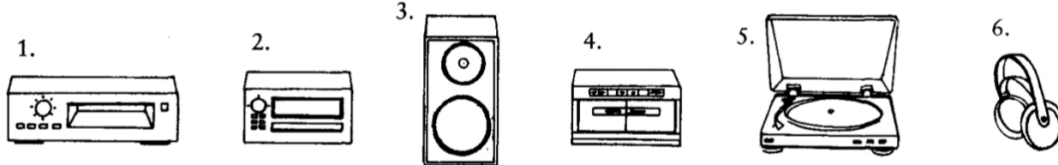
56 Machines and equipment

1 Domestic equipment

Match the words with the pictures:

Musical and TV equipment

turntable CD player cassette deck speaker headphones video/DVD player



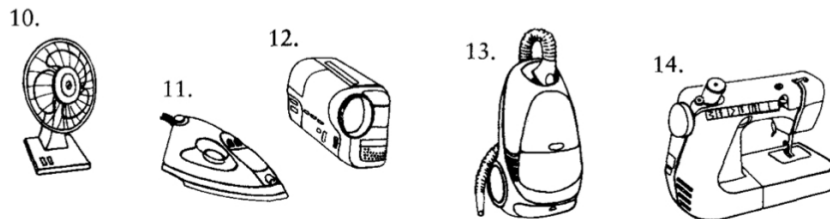
In the bathroom

hairdryer
electric toothbrush
electric shaver/razor



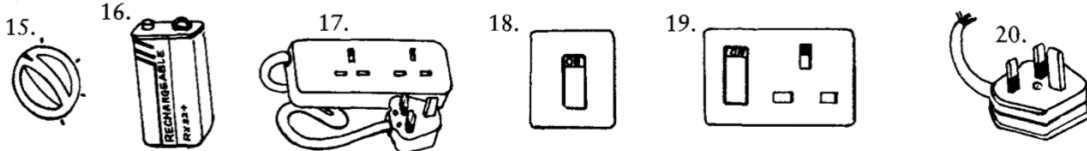
Other equipment

sewing machine
iron
vacuum cleaner
video camera
fan



Plugs and things

plug extension lead switch knob socket battery



2 Making things work

Use the correct form of these verbs below:

press work go run unplug

- Do you know how this machine ?
> All you do is just this button and it starts automatically.
- Where's the lead for this CD player?
> It on batteries. There's no lead.
- Why isn't the video working?
> I it earlier and didn't plug it in again.
- What's wrong with the lamp?
> Oh, the bulb when I switched it on.

3 Phrasal verbs

Add the correct preposition to the verbs below:

on out/off in up down

- Remember to put the lights . . . when you go.
- Could you turn the volume . . . a bit? I can't hear anything.
- Did you remember to switch . . . the answer-phone before we left the house?
- Can you turn the volume . . . a bit, please? I'm trying to talk to somebody on the phone.
- It's not surprising the toaster isn't working. You haven't plugged it . . . !

4 Appliances, machines etc

Appliances are all the electrical equipment you use to help you do jobs around the house. Most household appliances are powered by a motor.

Machine is a general word for electrical equipment. It can be used for household appliances – for example, a washing machine.

Machinery is a general term, used to refer to large industrial machines.

A device is a small, useful machine.

A gadget is an informal word for a small, modern device.

Complete the sentences below using these words:

gadgets	motor
machinery	device
appliances	machine

1. The vacuum cleaner's not working. I think there's something wrong with the
It keeps making a funny noise.
2. Most cars nowadays are fitted with a security of some kind.
3. We're opening another factory next year, so most of this year's profit will be spent on new
4. He's got a really flashy new car with all the latest
5. It's surprising how much it costs to equip a modern kitchen. The electrical alone will cost at least two thousand pounds.
6. Sorry, madam, I think this is beyond repair. Perhaps you should think of replacing it with a newer model.

Are you good with machines? Have you got a mechanical mind or are you a technophobe (somebody who is afraid of technology)?

5 When machines don't work

Choose the correct ending for the following:

1. We can't use the video recorder today. It isn't
2. Could you have a look at the video? I think there's something
3. I'm worried about this washing machine. It's making
4. You can't use that phone. It's
5. I'm sick and tired of this old car. It keeps
6. I've fixed the washing machine. It's as
 - a. breaking down.
 - b. wrong with it.
 - c. out of order.
 - d. good as new.
 - e. working properly.
 - f. a funny noise.

If something doesn't work, you need to fix it, or get it fixed. Before you try to fix something electrical, make sure you unplug it. When you have fixed it, you can plug it back in again.

6 Revision

Without looking back at exercise 5, complete each sentence with one word:

1. There seems to be something with it.
2. It keeps down.
3. It's making a noise.
4. The phone's out of
5. It's as good as
6. It isn't working

