

Daily Life - Handyman (C0285)

- A: The air conditioning is not working! We need to call a handyman before we start to fry in here!
- B: Dan is on top of that. I think they are also getting the handyman to fix the bathroom toilet that keeps clogging up.
- A: That would be convenient. They might as well ask him to fix the electrical wiring. The circuit breakers keep going out all the time. It's really annoying!
- B: Yeah you are right. This office is falling apart! Frank told me the other day that the gutters outside were clogged and that's why the parking lot was flooded.
- A: I know! I was in ankle deep water trying to get to my car that day! The handyman definitely has his work cut out for him.

Key Vocabulary

air condi-
tioning

N

something that makes
the air cooler

handyman	<i>N</i>	a person who is skillful at doing small jobs
on top of that	<i>P</i>	besides that
clog up	<i>P</i>	becomes blocked
wiring	<i>N</i>	the system of wires that carry electricity
fall apart	<i>P</i>	slowly break
gutter	<i>N</i>	long, hollow device that is attached to a roof

Supplementary Vocabulary

plumber	<i>N</i>	someone who installs the pipes, bathroom fixtures, and fixes toilets, sinks, etc.
electrician	<i>N</i>	someone who works with the electric wiring of a building
plunger	<i>N</i>	a rubber device that helps to unclog toilets

insulation *N*

material used to regulate temperature; keep a building warm in the winter and cool in the summer

gutter *N*

a channel on the side of a building or street that guides away surface water