

Daily Life - Dr. Plumber (C0112)

A: Good afternoon! Did you call for a plumber?

B: Yes, yes I did. Please come in! I'm so glad you came! This old house is falling apart! Come on into the bathroom. See, here, there's water leaking everywhere!

A: I see. Let me have a look. It seems that your toilet is clogged, and that's why it won't flush. Let me just get my plunger. No, that's not working either. I suspect that there's some sort of foreign object in the pipes that's causing a blockage. That's what's making your toilet overflow.

B: Oh, that must be because of my four-year-old daughter. She is always flushing things down the toilet. You know how kids are.

A: Yeah, I have a little one myself. Anyway, these water pipes are really rusty, so they also should be changed. That could be causing water to not drain completely; that might lead to more problems in the future. I would also suggest fixing this faucet that isn't shutting off properly. I could have it all finished by today if it's urgent.

B: That would be great! Is it expensive?

A: Let's see... I would say about eight hundred dollars.

B: What? That's more than I make in a day and I'm a heart surgeon!

Key Vocabulary

clog	<i>verb</i>	slowly forming a block in something
blockage	<i>common noun, singular</i>	something that stops another thing from passing through

shut off	<i>verb</i>	to cause a machine to stop operating
falling apart	<i>phrase</i>	slowly break
leak	<i>verb</i>	liquid or gas escaping from its container through
plumber	<i>common noun, singular</i>	plumber
flush	<i>verb</i>	to cause water to clean a toilet
plunger	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a tool for unclogging toilets
suspect	<i>verb</i>	have an idea about the reason for something
foreign	<i>Adjective</i>	something that doesn't belong
overflow	<i>verb</i>	to flow over the edge of something

rusty	<i>Adjective</i>	covered with a reddish brown color
drain	<i>verb</i>	to remove liquid from something by letting it flow
faucet	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a device that controls the flow that comes out of
shutting off	<i>verb</i>	to cause a machine to stop operating

Supplementary Vocabulary

pump	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a machine that moves liquid from one place to another
burst	<i>verb</i>	break apart suddenly
tap	<i>common noun, singular</i>	the part of the sink that water comes out of
appliance	<i>common noun, singular</i>	an electric machine with a special purpose

flood

verb

water coming into a
place where it shouldn't