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Daily Life - Tools (C0124)

- A: Alright, ladies and gentlemen. We've been hired to build a deck on this here house, and turn this boring and drab lawn into a backyard oasis. There is one catch, though. We've only got one day to finish this, so I'm gonna need everyone to give one hundred and ten percent today. It's going to be tough, but we've got a great team here, and I know that together we can tackle this project. That being said, let's get to work!
- B: That's right. Now, remember, we've been over the plans, but we really need to make sure that everything is up to code. The home inspectors here are pretty thorough, so please make sure you follow the plans exactly. And remember the carpenter's rule of thumb: measure twice and cut once.
- A: Okay, guys. Let's get at it. Bob! Pass me that hammer! The nails won't go in; the wood is too hard. I think I'm gonna need the nail gun. That did it!



Do me a favor and help me cut this two-by-four, will ya? Pass me the circular saw, and grab hold of the end of the board. Now help me drill some holes in it so we can place the bolts.

I think you should sand the edges. Look at В: all these splinters, someone could get hurt. Geez...you gotta take pride in your work!

C: Yeah, you're right. Pass me the sander and I'll take care of it.

Julia! Get over here with the level, measuring tape A: and that box of screws!

C: Oh, no! Look out below!

Key Vocabulary

to give one to try your best phrasehundred and ten percent



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two-by-four common a piece of wood that is 2

noun, sin- inches thick and 4 inche

gular

take pride in phrase let your effort be a re-

your work flection of your skill

plans common set of actions to com-

noun, plu- plete a task

ral

measuring common a tool used to measure tape noun, non- how long something is

variable

Supplementary Vocabulary

table saw common a circular saw mounted

noun, sin- under a table or bench

gular so that large pieces of

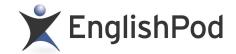
wood could be cut

moulding common a decorative strip used

noun, sin- for ornamentation or

qular finishing on the edges of

a wall



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drywall common

noun, sin-

gular

A wall or ceiling con-

structed of a prefabricated material, such as

plasterboard or panel-

ing.

contractor common

noun, sin-

gular

a person or firm that

supplies materials or

labour for other compa-

nies

carpenter common

noun, sin-

gular

a person who makes or

repairs wooden struc-

tures