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PLUMBERS

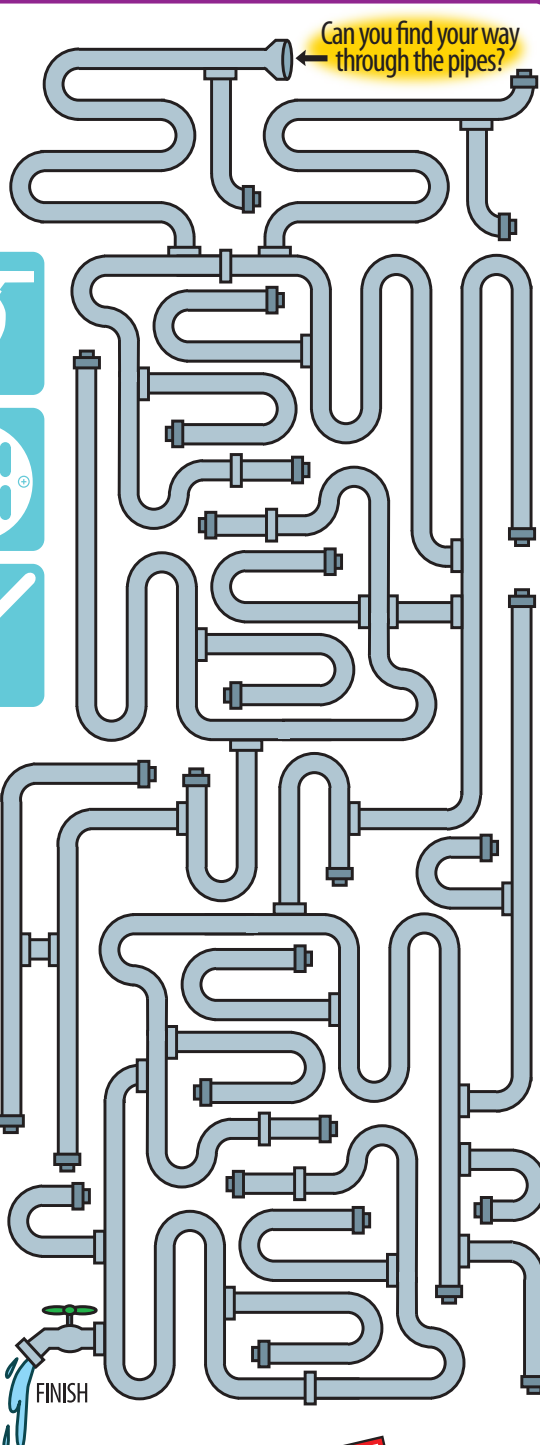
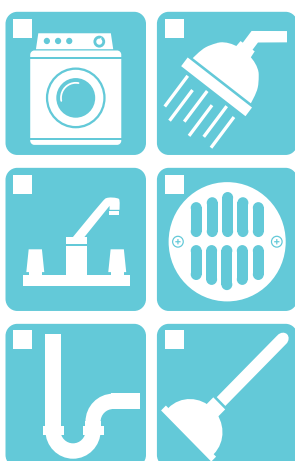
What do you want to be when you grow up? Have you ever thought about being a plumber?

Have you ever turned on a water faucet? Taken a bath in a tub in your house? Flushed a toilet? If so, it's thanks to the skill of a **plumber**!

Plumbers are the people who install and repair the pipes that are needed to bring water in and out of your home, school and other buildings.

You have probably seen pipes under a sink, behind a toilet or even at a school drinking fountain. These pipes carry water to and from sinks, tubs, toilets, washing machines, water heaters, dishwashers, drinking fountains and more within a building.

How many of these things can you find in your home? Go on a plumbing search with a parent!



How do I get to be a plumber?

Plumbers earn a special certificate in order to practice their **trade**. A plumber learns the trade and earns a certificate by becoming an **apprentice** to a master plumber.

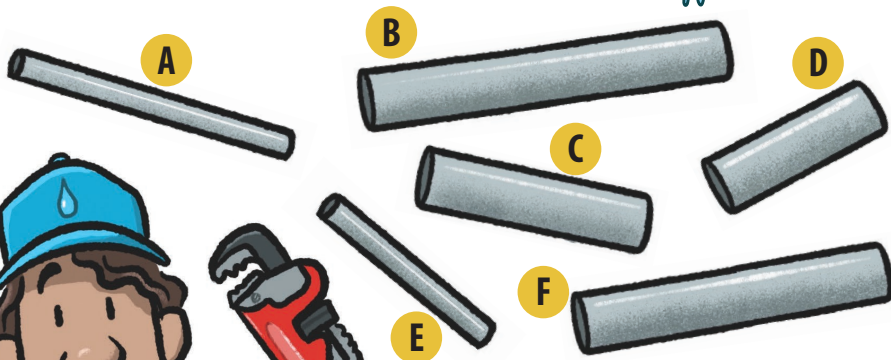
The master plumber teaches the apprentice plumber skills needed for the job. After learning as an apprentice, plumbers must pass a special exam to become a **journeyman** plumber. A journeyman can work freely as a plumber.



Read the above and match each word to its definition.

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| 1. JOURNEYMAN | 2. TRADE | 3. APPRENTICE |
| A. A job that involves a particular skill. | B. Someone who works for somebody else to learn that person's skill or trade. | C. A worker who has learned a trade and passed an exam to prove their knowledge. |

I can fix this broken pipe! Want to help me? Use a ruler to measure the pipes to find the right size to replace this cracked one.



Being a Plumber is a Great Job:

- Plumbers help people.
- The pay is very good.
- Almost everyone needs a plumber.
- There is a shortage of plumbers so there are many job openings.

Trade or Trade?

The word **trade** has more than one meaning. It can be a kind of a job or it can be the act of exchanging or buying and selling goods.

Look through the newspaper for words that are spelled the same, but can have different meanings.

Make a list of the words and write down one or more meanings for each word.

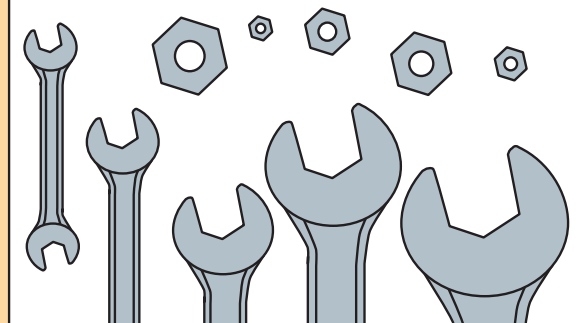
Standards Link: Homophones are words that sound alike but have different meanings and spelling.

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TOOL BOX TRIVIA: WRENCHES

Wrenches help plumbers do their work. A wrench can fit around a nut, bolt, or pipe fitting making it easier to tighten and loosen them. Wrenches come in different sizes to fit different nuts and bolts.

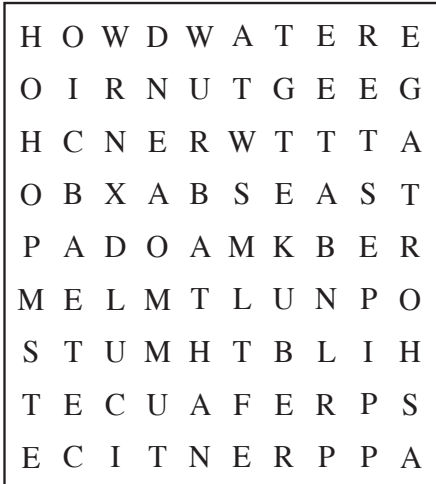
Draw a line from each nut to the wrench it fits best.



Double Double Word Search

- APPRENTICE
- SHORTAGE
- PLUMBER
- WRENCH
- TRADES
- MASTER
- FAUCET
- PIPES
- SINKS
- WATER
- BATH
- EXAM
- TUBS
- BOLT
- NUT

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Trades in the News

Look through the newspaper for advertisements for workers that provide services known as the "trades." These include plumbers, electricians, air conditioning installers, carpenters, carpet and tile installers and more.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Read from a variety of genre including newspapers.



What vegetables do plumbers really like to fix for dinner?

ANSWER: Leeks.

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