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KID SCOOP CAREERS SERIES

CARPENTERS

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

Carpenters have a saying: **Measure twice. Cut once.** What do you think this saying means?

Talk about it with a family member. Is it a saying that can be helpful outside of being a carpenter?

Have you ever sat in a chair or opened a cupboard or closet and wondered how it was made? If so, you can thank a carpenter!

A carpenter is a person who works mainly with wood. They can make cabinets, build houses, make furniture, or do other things with wood throughout your home.

If you like making things and working with your hands, a career as a carpenter might be a good job for you. The pay is very good. And since there is a shortage of skilled carpenters, there are many job opportunities for people who want to learn this craft.

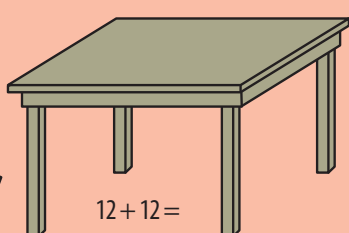
Do you know a carpenter? Ask them about their job.



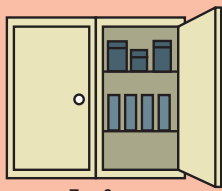
How do I become a carpenter?

Carpenters learn their trade by working in an apprenticeship training program. It takes about four years to learn what is needed to pass the carpenter test. Some people learn enough to pass the test through work experience.

Circle the things below that you think carpenters make. Then, check your answers by doing the math problems below each picture. The ones with even-numbered answers are things made by carpenters.



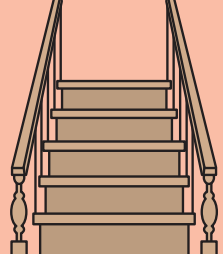
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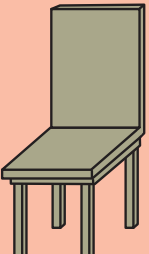
15 + 4 =



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Carpenters Need to Be Good at Measuring

Whether you are building a doghouse, a bird house, or any kind of building, you need each side to be the same height.



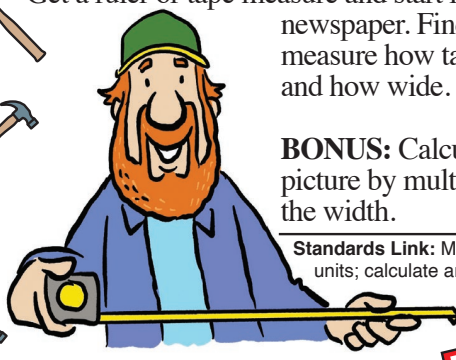
ROUGH!

Practice Measuring with the Newspaper!

Get a ruler or tape measure and start looking through the newspaper. Find five pictures and measure how tall they are (height) and how wide.

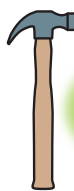
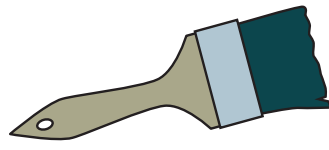
BONUS: Calculate the area of the picture by multiplying the height by the width.

Standards Link: Math: Measure using standard units; calculate area.

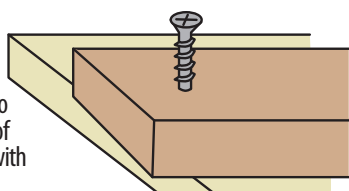


The Right Tools Make Work Easier

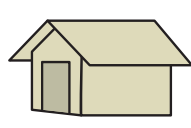
Look at the three jobs and the three sets of tools. Draw a line to the tool that is best for each job.



Join two pieces of wood with screws.

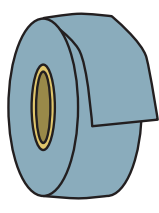
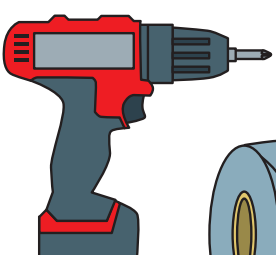


Paint a doghouse.



Make a temporary fix to a ripped tent.





Being a carpenter is a really great job:

- Carpenters get to help people.
- The pay is very good.
- Carpenters touch most everybody's lives.
- There is a shortage of carpenters so there are many job openings.

Nail or Nail?

The word nail has more than one meaning. Our fingers and toes have nails. And a nail is a tool used to build things. In both cases, the word is spelled the same, but has different meanings. These are called homonyms. Look through the newspaper for five words that have more than one meaning.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify homonyms.

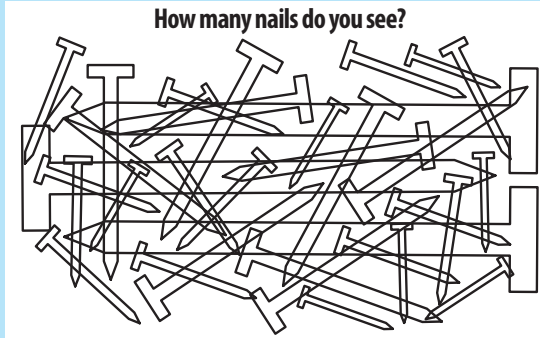


Kid Scoop® Puzzler

TOOL BOX TRIVIA: HAMMER

A hammer is a tool for pounding metal nails into objects such as wood. It has a long handle, and a metal head with a flat end for hitting nails. Carpenters use nails to hold pieces of wood and other things together. Sometimes a nail is used as a peg to hang things.

How many nails do you see?



Standards Link: Mathematics: Understand base 10 place value.

Double Double Word Search

CARPENTER
DOGHOUSE
CUPBOARD
MEASURE
HAMMER
NAILS
RULER
TWICE
CHAIR
WOOD
WORK
FLAT
CUT
END

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

C	R	R	U	L	E	R	B	E	U
U	I	E	I	N	L	D	I	C	M
P	A	N	D	K	A	R	T	I	E
B	H	D	R	O	E	I	A	W	A
O	C	O	N	M	O	G	L	T	S
A	W	V	M	H	P	W	F	S	U
R	C	A	R	P	E	N	T	E	R
D	H	C	U	T	G	O	U	S	E
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

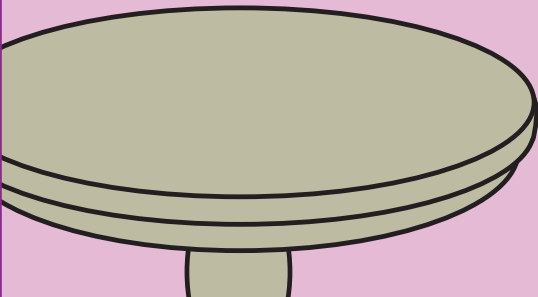
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Carpentry Categories

Look through the newspaper for images that show things a carpenter made. Find 10 images and then group them into categories based on similarities. Come up with a name for each category.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Why didn't King Arthur like his round table?



ANSWER: He thought the royal carpenters had cut corners.

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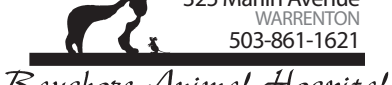
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