

# UNIT 5

## Home Appliance and Electrical Problems



### In this unit you are going to learn about

- common electrical home appliances
- electrical problems

### A - ELECTRICAL HOME APPLIANCES

#### Warm-Up

Look at the activities in the box. Ask your partner if s/he likes doing these things. You can add anything that is not in the box.

washing the dishes  
cooking meals

cleaning the rugs/carpets  
using the computer

ironing the clothes  
sweeping the floor

watching TV      shaving  
listening to music



Example: Do you like cooking?

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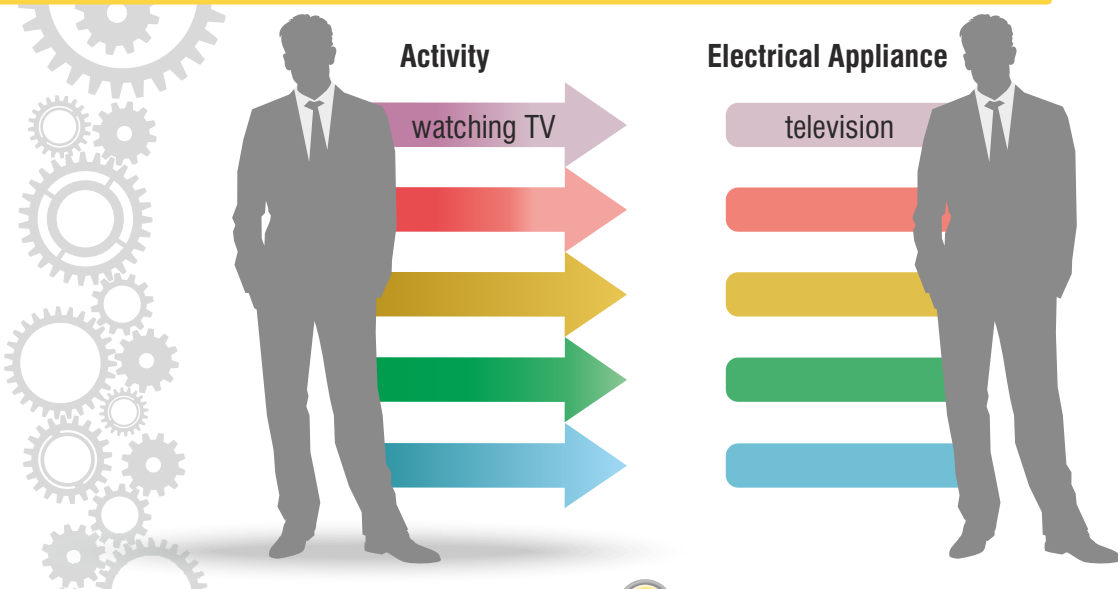
Yes, I do.  
Yes, I love it.

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No, I don't.  
No, I hate it.

#### Activity 1

Now write down the electrical home appliances that you use while doing the activities above.



## Activity 2

Look at the electrical home appliance pictures below. Write the name of the home appliance next to the definition.

a-keeps food fresh

b-washes the clothes

c-shows your favourite programmes

d-cooks food

e-washes the dishes

f-toasts bread

g-dries our hair

h- plays music

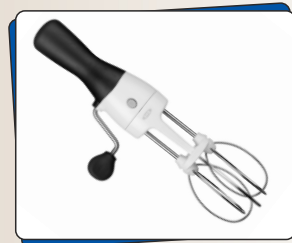
i-cleans the rugs and carpets

j- cools or heats the room

k-keeps food frozen

l-boils water

m-mixes food



## Activity 3

Look at the home appliance pictures above again. Say how often you use them at home.



I never/sometimes/often use a(n) \_\_\_\_\_

I never use a dish-washer.

## Activity 4

Look at the pictures below. Which electrical home appliances are these people talking about? Write your answers in the blanks.

'I don't know what I'd do without my \_\_\_\_\_. I can't imagine having to wash all those by hand!'

'I really don't like using the \_\_\_\_\_. I much prefer the fan.'

'I like cooking potatoes in the \_\_\_\_\_ instead of frying them.'

'I broke the \_\_\_\_\_ doing the rugs this morning. Looks like I need a new one.'

'Honey, where's the \_\_\_\_\_? I've just taken a shower and my hair's wet.'

BUYING  
ELECTRICAL HOME APPLIANCES

## Activity 5a

Answer the following questions.

What was the last home appliance your family bought? a(n) \_\_\_\_\_

What make is it? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you buy it? \_\_\_\_\_

How much did you pay for it? \_\_\_\_\_

Does it have a guarantee? YES/NO/DON'T KNOW

If yes, how long is it for? \_\_\_\_\_ years / I don't know

Are you happy with it? YES/NO

If NO, Why not? \_\_\_\_\_

 **Activity 5b**

Choose any electrical home appliance. Then compare three popular makes and the prices for this appliance. Use the internet.

*Example Samsung/Arcelik/Bosch:*

- ◆ The Samsung is the cheapest one.
- ◆ The Arçelik is cheaper than the Bosch.
- ◆ The Bosch is the most expensive one.
- ◆ The Arçelik is more expensive than the Samsung.



Example: Washing-machine



Home appliance \_\_\_\_\_

**Makes**

▶ \_\_\_\_\_

▶ \_\_\_\_\_

▶ \_\_\_\_\_

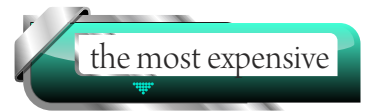
**Price**

▶ \_\_\_\_\_

▶ \_\_\_\_\_

▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Now compare the prices by writing full sentences below, using:



1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Now tell your partner which product you would buy? Why?

**Activity 5c**

Look at the following dialogue. There are five missing sentences in it. Complete the missing parts.

Shop assistant: Good morning. Can I help you?

Customer: I hope so. \_\_\_\_\_.

Shop assistant: The Toshiba TV5's on special offer this week.

Customer: \_\_\_\_\_

Shop assistant: Only €299.

Customer: It's a little expensive. \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Shop assistant: Yes. This one's only €150.

Customer: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Shop assistant: It's a Panasonic.

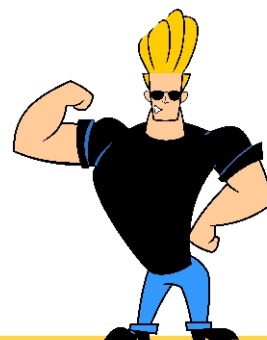
Customer: I like it, but it's still a little too expensive. Is there any chance of a discount?

Shop assistant: Hmmmmm. OK, we can do it for €140.

Customer: Great! \_\_\_\_\_ Do you accept credit cards?

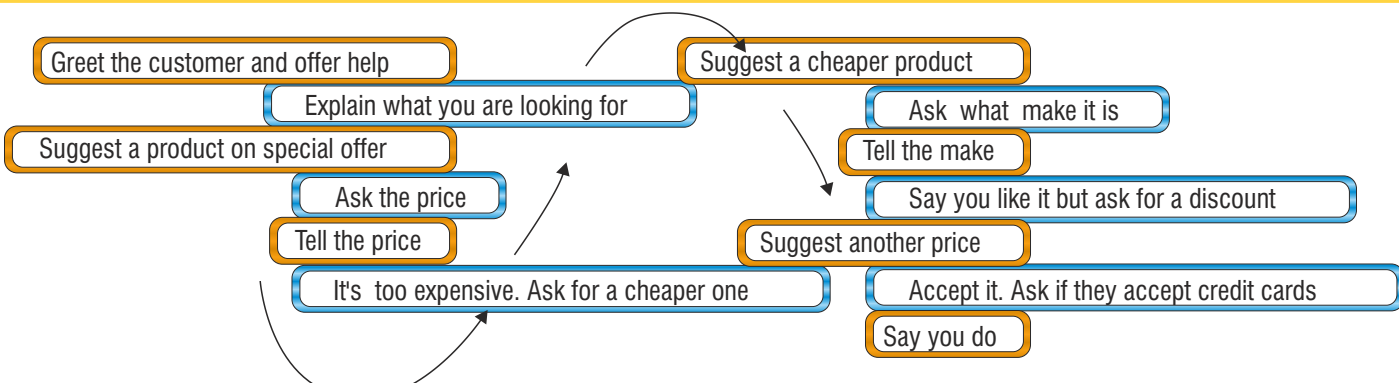
Shop assistant: Yes, we do.

- Do you have a cheaper one?
- How much is it?
- I'll take it.
- What make is it?
- I'm looking for a television.



**Activity 5d**

You are going to buy a washing machine. Write down your own dialogue. Use the cues below. Then act it out with your partner.



Shop assistant: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Shop assistant: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Shop assistant: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Shop assistant: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Shop assistant: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Shop assistant: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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Shop assistant: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

You: \_\_\_\_\_



"My favorite kitchen toll will always be the old fashioned fork moving automatically to my mouth"

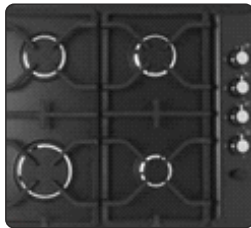
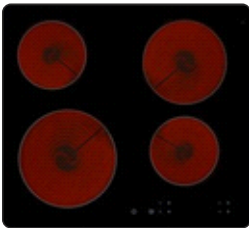
**Activity 6**

Look at the three categories of kitchen appliances below.

HOBS • FRIDGES and FREEZERS • EXTRACTOR HOODS

Now write the correct category next to the appliances.








**Activity 7**

Look at the following award-winning appliances. It's Mothers' Day next week and you are going to buy one of these appliances for her.

**Award-Winning Appliances**  
Six Which? Category Reliability Scores, January 2013

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Appliance Category	Reliability Score (%)	Star Rating	Price
Dishwashers	85%	★★★★☆	1200
Washing Machines	85%	★★★★☆	1400
Tumble Dryers	90%	★★★★★	1850
Fridge-Freezers	88%	★★★★☆	2300
Freezers	94%	★★★★★	1600
Fridges	93%	★★★★★	1750

Which appliance would you buy? Why?

I'd buy the

Because

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### Activity 8a

Make groups of three (Student A,B,C). Each of you choose one different electrical home appliance. Then each of you ask five people in your class which make they use at home.

## ELECTRICAL HOME APPLIANCE

Name of group member	Appliance
1.	_____
2.	_____
3.	_____

STUDENT

MAKE OF \_\_\_\_\_

01	
02	
03	
04	
05	



### Activity 8b

Now, record your results in the table below and find out the most popular make in Cyprus.

STUDENT A	STUDENT B	STUDENT C
make of _____	make of _____	make of _____

## B-COMMON ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS AT HOME

**Warm-up** In pairs, discuss these questions:

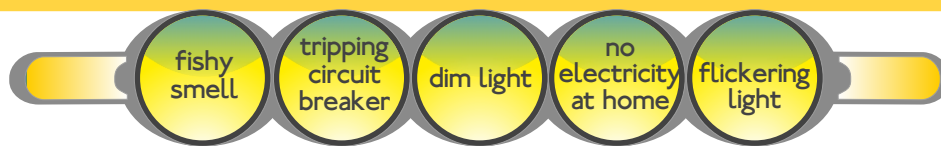


- ◆ How often do you have electrical problems at home?  
Comments:
- ◆ What do you do when you have an electrical problem?  
Comments:



### Activity 1a

Look at the following pictures. Each one shows an electrical problem at home. Write the problem underneath.



01
02
03
04
05

*\*Now check your answers with your teacher.*



### Activity 1b

The following people are complaining about electrical problems at home. Complete the missing parts. Use the pictures above to help you. Then read the sentences to your partner, taking turns.

Some of my lights are bright; others are \_\_\_\_\_.

The circuit-breaker \_\_\_\_\_ when I run certain appliances.

I have no \_\_\_\_\_ at home right now! Luckily I have enough candles!

Look! One of the lights is \_\_\_\_\_.

Ooow! There's a fishy \_\_\_\_\_ here! The socket must be hot.



## Activity 2

Look at the following table, showing electrical problems and what causes them. Then explain each one to your partner. Use the structure given below. Lastly, when you are sure your sentences are correct write them in the box.

If there is/are \_\_\_\_\_ in your house, you might have \_\_\_\_\_.

Example:

a) If there are high-wattage items in your house, you might have a tripping circuit.  
or

b) You might have a tripping circuit if there are high-wattage items in your house.

### CAUSE

### PROBLEM

high wattage items

flickering lights

poor main neutral connection

dim light

loose connection between the power company wires and the wires in your house

no electricity at home

damaged/electrical switch

fishy smell



01	
02	
03	
04	

## Activity 3

What are the common electrical problems in your house? Tell the rest of your group how often you have these electrical problems. Use the table below.

flickering light   tripping circuit-breaker   fishy smell   no electricity at home   dim light

never   rarely   sometimes   often   always

Example

We never have flickering lights at home.

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2	
3	
4	



## PROGRESS AND SELF-ASSESSMENT

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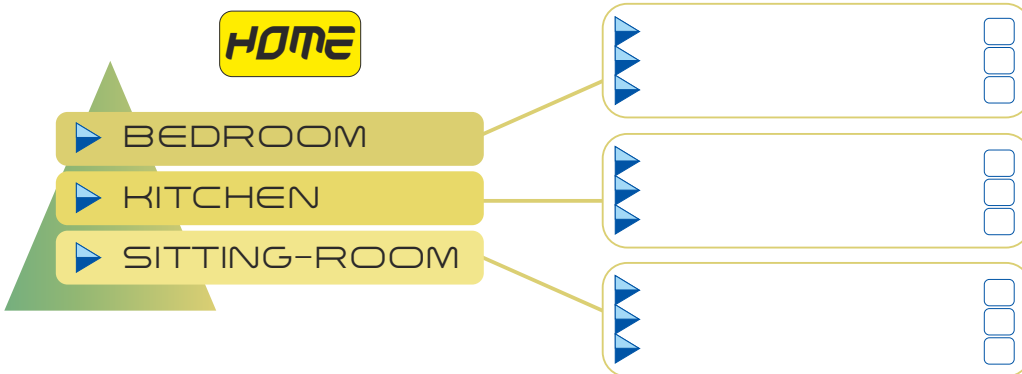
- I liked \_\_\_\_\_
- I did not like \_\_\_\_\_
- I learnt \_\_\_\_\_
- I learnt the following new words/phrases \_\_\_\_\_

### CHECK WHAT YOU REMEMBER

1 Write the names of the electrical home appliances in the boxes.

A-			
B-			
C-			
D-			
E-			
F-			
G-			
H-			
I-			

2 Look at the mind map below. Then fill in the blanks with a suitable home appliance. What appliances do you have at home? Tick them.



3 Make a list of any electrical problems you can remember having at home.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_