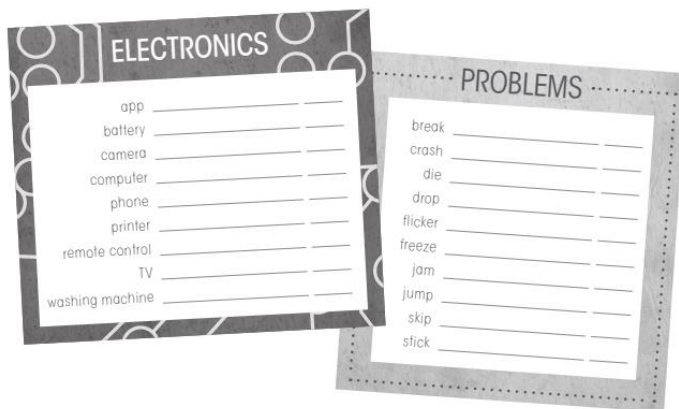


**ESCUELA NORMAL DE EDUCACIÓN PREESCOLAR**  
**ENGLISH B1.2**  
**UNIT 6 – THAT NEEDS FIXING**  
**VOCABULARY**

Dear students, during the week we will describe problems and learn how to make complaints. Let's start with some useful vocabulary!

**ACTIVITY 1 – ELECTRONICS AND PROBLEMS – 40 PTS.**

Write a definition for each word or expression in the picture, then write a sentence using each one of them.



WORD OR EXPRESSION	DEFINITION	SENTENCE
app	Typically refers to software used on a smartphone or mobile device such as the Android, iPhone, BlackBerry or iPad	<i>Instagram is an app that can be used to take photos</i>
battery	A container consisting of one or more cells, in which chemical energy is converted into electricity and used as a source of power.	<i>The battery charger plugs into any mains socket.</i>
camera	A device for recording visual images in the form of photographs, film, or video signals.	<i>Jackson turned the camera on and stood beside her.</i>
computer	An electronic device for storing and processing data, typically in binary form, according to instructions	<i>My friend's computer is state-of-the-art and she writes what you dictate to her.</i>

	given to it in a variable program.	
phone	A device that uses either a system of wires along which electrical signals are sent or a system of radio signals to make it possible for you to speak to someone in another place who has a similar device.	<i>I left the phone off the hook, so it wouldn't ring.</i>
printer	A machine that is connected to a computer and prints onto paper using ink	<i>My computer stopped working; a sheet was jammed.</i>
remote control	A system for controlling something such as a machine or vehicle from a distance, by using electrical or radio signals.	<i>Andrea's brother hid the remote control so that she would not switch to the tv.</i>
Tv	A device shaped like a box with a screen that receives electrical signals and changes them into moving images and sound, or the method or business of sending images and sound by electrical signals.	<i>Our new television has a very clear picture.</i>
washing machine	A machine for washing clothes, sheets, and other things made of cloth.	<i>The plumber is coming tomorrow to install the new washing machine.</i>
break	To (cause something to) separate suddenly or violently into two or more pieces, or to (cause something to) stop working by being damaged.	<i>I didn't mean to break your phone.</i>
crash	If a vehicle crashes or someone crashes it, it is involved in an accident, usually a serious one in which the vehicle is damaged and someone is hurt	<i>Convinced the plane was about to crash, many people were sobbing and in hysterics.</i>
die	To stop being alive, either suddenly or slowly.	<i>The engine just died on us. I'm sorry I didn't reply to your text - my phone died.</i>

drop	to fall or to allow something to fall.	<i>She dropped her keys. Amanda dropped her sunglasses in/into the fountain.</i>
flicker	to shine with a light that is sometimes bright and sometimes weak.	<i>Sofia's cell phone screen started to flicker like it was going to break down.</i>
freeze	If an engine or lock freezes, it stops working because its parts have become stuck and can no longer move.	<i>My old bicycle was so rusty that the gears had frozen. If the lock has frozen up, try lubricating it with oil.</i>
jam	something that is stuck in a machine, or that prevents the parts of a machine from moving.	<i>She fed the documents into the machine making sure that there were no paper jams.</i>
jump	to avoid or leave out a point or stage from the correct order in a series.	<i>Armando's remote control jumps channels because it's damaged.</i>
skip	to move lightly and quickly, making a small jump after each step	<i>Ana always skips the advertising videos on youtube.</i>
stick		

## ACTIVITY 2 – ELECTRONICS AND PROBLEMS – 20 PTS.

**B** What electronics have the following problems? Write words from your vocabulary log in the chart.

Problem	Items
freezes	computer, camera
drops call	phone
crashes	tablet
jams	Computer, printer
the screen flickers	Cell phone, Tablet, computer
the buttons stick	Remote control, cell phone, washing machine, printer, radio

## ACTIVITY 3 – ELECTRONICS AND PROBLEMS – 20 PTS.

**A** Circle the correct gerund to complete the sentences. Then compare with a partner.

1. My TV screen goes on and off all the time. It keeps **flickering** / sticking.
2. The music player app jumps to the next song every 20 seconds. It keeps **crashing** / **skipping**.
3. The battery in my new camera doesn't last long. It keeps **freezing** / **dying**.
4. Something is wrong with my computer! It keeps **crashing** / **jamming**.
5. I can't talk for long on my new phone. It keeps **dying** / **dropping** calls.
6. This printer isn't making all the copies I want. It keeps **jamming** / **flickering**.
7. My computer needs to be replaced. It keeps **dropping** / **freezing**.
8. The buttons on the remote control don't work well. They keep **skipping** / sticking.

ACTIVITY 4 – PROBLEMS – 20 PTS.

**1** What's wrong with it?

A What can be wrong with these things? Put these words in the correct categories.  
(Most words go in more than one category.)

bike blouse car carpet chair glasses plate sink tablecloth

chipped	cracked	dented	leaking	scratched	stained	torn

B What is wrong with these things? Use the words in part A to write a sentence about each one.



1. The car is scratched. OR  
There's a scratch on the car.



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_



5. \_\_\_\_\_



6. \_\_\_\_\_



7. \_\_\_\_\_



8. \_\_\_\_\_



9. \_\_\_\_\_