

**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	an application, especially as downloaded by a user to a mobile device.	<i>I just download that app in my phone</i>
Battery	A battery is a power source	<i>My phone run out of battery, I need a charger</i>
Camera	device for recording visual images in the form of photographs, film, or video signals.	<i>I took that photo with y new camera</i>
Phone	portable telephone that can make and receive calls over a radio frequency	<i>I called her but my phone die in the middle of the call</i>
Printer	machine for printing text or pictures onto paper	<i>I use the printer to scan my homework</i>
Remote control	control of a machine or apparatus from a distance	<i>I can't find the remote control and I need to see the news in the TV</i>
TV	telecommunication medium used for transmitting moving images	<i>Turn on the TV today starts the new reality show</i>
Washing machine	a machine for washing clothes, bed linens, etc.	<i>The washing machine is broken, I can't do the laundry</i>
Break	separate or cause to separate into pieces as a result of a blow, shock, or strain.	<i>I broke mom's favorite jar</i>
Crash	(of a vehicle) collide violently with an obstacle or another vehicle	<i>My friend got involved in a car accident, the crash destroyed the front part of his car</i>
Die	Stop living	<i>My best friend's grandma died yesterday, I got to be with her</i>
Drop	let or make (something) fall vertically	<i>I was so scared and because of the fright I drop my phone</i>
Freeze	(of a liquid) be turned into ice or another solid as a result of extreme cold.	<i>My hands were so cold because yesterday the day was freezing</i>
Jam	squeeze or pack tightly into a specified space.	<i>There was so much traffic I got jammed in the middle of it</i>
Jump	push oneself off a surface and into the air by using the muscles in one's legs and feet.	<i>The house was on fire so the girl had to jump out from the window</i>
Sick	affected by physical or mental illness.	<i>My dad was sick and I had to to take care of him</i>
Stick	a thin piece of wood that has fallen or been cut from a tree.	<i>The gum stick into my brackets</i>

## 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	Computer, phone, camera
jams	Phone, TV
the screen flickers	TV
the buttons stick	Computer, washing machine

## 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
plate	Glasses Chair	bike	sink	car	Carpet Blouse	Tablecloth

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. The blouse is stained



3. There's a stain on the carpet



4. The bike is dented



5. There's a leaking in the sink



6. The chair is cracked



7. The plate is chipped



8. There's a torn on the tablecloth



9. The glasses have a crack