

Listening Exercise: Leaky Ceiling

Vocabulary:

1. The homeowners decided to **remodel** their kitchen by changing the cabinets, floors, and appliances.

- a. fix something that is broken
- b. change the design of something
- c. sell something for a lower price

2. Water started to **leak** from the pipe under the sink, so they had to call a plumber.

- a. make a loud noise
- b. escape or drip through a small hole
- c. shake or break suddenly



3. The mechanic said he could **repair** the broken car engine in two days.

- a. make something worse
- b. clean something very carefully
- c. fix something that is damaged

4. Sabrina was **thrilled** when she won the contest. She couldn't stop smiling!

- a. very excited and happy
- b. a little bit nervous
- c. confused and unsure

5. The painter looked up at the **ceiling** to see if he had missed any spots.

- a. the floor of a building
- b. the space outside a window
- c. the top part of a room

6. After a long discussion, both companies reached an **agreement** and signed the contract.

- a. a contest to see who is better
- b. a decision that people accept together
- c. a reason to argue

7. Don't forget to get a **receipt** after you buy something at the store. You may need it to return it.

- a. a small piece of paper that shows what you paid for
- b. a special gift from a store
- c. a card that gives discounts

8. If you damage a rental car, you may be **liable** for the cost of repairs.

- a. lucky to avoid a problem
- b. allowed to do anything you want
- c. responsible for something

9. The builder gave an **estimate** of \$5,000 for the roof repairs, but the final cost was higher.

- a. a final price that cannot change
- b. a type of bill for work already done
- c. a careful guess about the cost or amount of something

10. The safety inspector came to **inspect** the restaurant's kitchen to make sure it was clean and safe.
- look at something carefully
 - build something new and useful
 - make a list of things to buy

Listening: The audio can be found at: ESLFrog.com/leaky-ceiling

- Why did Mr. Brenton visit the office?
 - He wanted to remodel his kitchen
 - He had a legal issue with a construction company
 - He was looking for a job
- What type of work did Mr. Brenton hire a company to do?
 - Remodel his bathroom
 - Build an extra room
 - Install a new roof
- What was the name of the construction company?
 - Superior Builders
 - Advanced Builders
 - Collins Construction
- What problem did Mr. Brenton notice?
 - The bathroom floor was cracked
 - The walls were not painted properly
 - The shower was leaking water
- What new problem developed later?
 - The toilet stopped working
 - Water leaked through the ceiling into the kitchen
 - The bathroom floor collapsed
- Why is Mr. Brenton frustrated?
 - The company never came to work
 - He has to find another company to fix the damage
 - He paid for the job, but it wasn't done properly
- When did Mr. Brenton pay for the work?
 - After the problem was fully fixed
 - Before the company started working
 - Before noticing the leak
- What advice does the office give Mr. Brenton?
 - Call a different company to inspect the damage
 - Ignore the issue and move to a new house
 - Fix the problem himself
- What does Mr. Brenton want?
 - To sue Advanced Builders for emotional damage
 - To have the repairs done without paying again
 - To sell his house and move somewhere else
- What will happen if Mr. Collins refuses to pay?
 - Mr. Brenton will have to take the case to court
 - The office will pay for the repairs instead
 - Mr. Brenton will have to fix the damage himself