

Fixing things (修东西)

知识点:

1. 常见的工具:

- Screwdriver 螺丝刀; screw 螺丝; bolt 螺栓; wrench 扳手

The screw is loose. Can you pass me the screwdriver?

The wrench is too big for the bolt. Can you pass me a smaller one?

- Hammer 锤子; nail 钉子

I want to hang this picture. Can you pass me the hammer?

- Pliers 钳子 (拔钉子的工具)

I'm going to use the pliers to pull out this nail.

- Drill (钻子) / electric drill (power drill) 电钻

The drill ran out of battery. It's not working now.

- Saw 锯子/ electric saw

Be careful with the electric saw. It's super sharp!

- Tape measure 卷尺

I'm the kind of person who always have a tape measure in my bag just in case I need to measure something.

- Level 水平仪

Can you use the level to see if this picture frame is crooked or straight?

- Sandpaper 磨砂纸

The surface of this table is so rough. Let me smooth it out with sandpaper.

- DIY projects (do-it-yourself) 自己动手完成的项目

I love taking on DIY projects at home.

2. 相关表达:

(1) 善于修东西的人

- **Handy** 形容动手能力很强，很会修东西的人

My husband is really handy around the house. He can fix almost anything.

- **Skilled** 有经验技巧的

She's really skilled at repairing appliances.

- **Knowledgeable** 知识渊博的

My father is so knowledgeable when it comes to fixing cars.

- **The go-to person** 第一个去找的人

My father is always my go-to person in the family when I have to repair something.

(2) 不善于修东西的人

- **Not handy** 动手能力很差

He's not handy at all. I mean, he struggles with basic repairs.

- **Clumsy** 笨拙的/ **inept** 无能的

He's so clumsy with fixing things. He always ends up making things even worse when he tries to fix them.

- **Hopeless/ clueless** 完全没希望、没头绪

She's so clueless at fixing things. She doesn't know what she's doing at all.

1. Can you fix things?

① Yeh, I'm proud to say that I am quite handy and I enjoy fixing things around the house. I especially feel excited about taking on DIY projects and learning new skills. It brings me a strong sense of accomplishment when I solve a problem or learn something new (学点新东西) about repairing things. (原因)

② Yeh, I have to be handy as I live by myself. I can do basic repairs (最基本的修理) such as fixing a leaky faucet (修一个漏水的龙头), repairing small home appliances (修理小家电), and assembling a bed (组装一个床). I feel proud of how skilled I am when it comes to fixing things. (原因)

③ Well, I wish I could be one of those handy guys/people, and be able to fix things left and right (左左右右一个接一个, 表示很流畅很行云流水的状态) like a pro (像个专家一样). But uhmmm, unfortunately no, I'm 0 handy (一点儿动手能力都没有). But luckily, I have my dad, haha. He's my go-to person whenever I need to fix anything. He's my handy man (杂务修理工) for free (免费的), ahahah. (转折)

handy man 在国外指的是那种被很便宜雇佣过来, 给家里修修这, 装装那的杂物修理工。

2. What things can you fix?

① Well, I can fix small electrical and plumbing issues (小的水电方面的问题), such as changing light bulbs (换灯泡) and unclogging drains (通下水道). I also have experience in fixing basic computer problems (简单的电脑问题). (细节)

② I can fix a variety of things around the house, like, leaky faucets, clogged drains, and broken appliances. I also enjoy DIY projects and am interested in larger home improvement projects (家庭装修改造项目) like

painting and flooring. My dad is very handy. He's taught me a lot of things. (细节)

③ I am not very knowledgeable about cars, but I have some experience with basic maintenance such as changing oil (更换机油), replacing tires (换车胎), checking fluids (检查各种液体), and replacing the windshield wipers (更换雨刷). (细节)

④ Oh I'm so clumsy, you don't want to see me fix things. I'm the kind of person who always ends up making things even worse! I can't fix anything! (原因)

3. How to fix things?

这道题很奇怪。等待更新版本。

4. Did you ask people to teach you to fix things when you were a child?

① I never really asked anyone in my family to teach me about fixing things, but I observed a lot myself when they did things. I learned all the skills through those hands-on experiences (实操经验) of helping my dad. I learned how to use a wrench, a screw, a bolt, a hammer by seeing how my dad used them. That's the best way to learn. (细节)

② No, never. I guess, as a girl, our society doesn't expect us to be able to fix things. Don't take me wrong, I'm not saying this is right or I support this culture. But that's the culture we have. My parents never expected me to know how to repair things, in fact, they expected me to know how to cook. (原因)