



1. flannel ['flænəl] UK, washcloth ['wɒʃkltʌθ] N. Am.
2. hairdryer ['heə,draɪə]
3. soap dispenser ['səʊp dɪ,spensə]
4. basin, washbasin ['wɒʃ,beɪsɪn] UK, sink [sɪŋk] N. Am.
5. plug [plʌg] UK, stopper ['stɒpə] N. Am.
6. tap [tæp] UK, faucet ['fəʊsɪt] N. Am.
7. mirror ['mɪrə]
8. socket ['sɒkɪt] UK, outlet ['aʊtlet] N. Am.
9. towel rail ['taʊəl reɪl] UK, towel rack ['taʊəl ræk] N. Am.
10. towel ['taʊəl]
11. showerhead ['ʃaʊəhed]
12. shower curtain ['ʃaʊə ,kɜ:tɪn]
13. bath mat ['bɑ:θ mæt]
14. scales [skeɪlz] UK, scale [skeɪl] N. Am.
15. bubble bath ['bʌbəl bɑ:θ]
16. bath [bɑ:θ] UK, bathtub ['bɑ:θtʌb] N. Am.
17. sponge [spʌndʒ]
18. pedal bin ['pedəl bɪn] UK, pedal dustbin ['pedəl ,dʌstbɪn] N. Am.
19. laundry basket ['ləʊndri ,bɑ:skɪt], hamper ['hæmpə] N. Am.

## VOCABULARY

# In the bathroom

Everyone has one — but do you know how to talk about the things you do there? ANNA HOCHSIEDER presents keywords related to the bathroom.

**EASY PLUS**

### I'm in the bath!

There are five of us in the family. With two teenagers **hogging the bathroom** at all hours, it's not easy, I can tell you! My husband and I are the first to get up in the morning. My husband **shaves** while I **have a shower**. Then he **showers** while I wake the children. The little one **has a bath** in the evening, so I just make sure she **washes** quickly, **brushes her teeth** and **combs her hair**. The two older ones fight it out among themselves who gets to **use the bathroom** first. They both insist on **washing their hair** every day. My son spends ages **styling his hair** with **hair gel**, but my daughter just quickly **blow-dries** hers before **putting on her make-up** in front of the **mirror** and rushing off to school. In the evening, I **run a bath** for my youngest. She likes me to **scrub her back** with a **sponge**. I've taught her to **clean her teeth** with **dental floss**, but she still needs help **cutting her nails**. On Sundays, I **put on a face mask**, **hop in the bath** and relax with a nice long **soak**. Usually, someone will bang on the door, shouting they need to **use the loo**, but I just turn up the volume on my **splash-proof** radio and ignore them!

**PRACTICE**

Now, try the following exercises to practise your bathroom language.



Exercise 1	E
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Study the picture on the opposite page and find the British and American English words for the objects described below.

A. You turn it on to let water flow into the bath or sink:  
UK: \_\_\_\_\_ N. Am.: \_\_\_\_\_

B. It stops the water from flowing out of the bath or sink:  
UK: \_\_\_\_\_ N. Am.: \_\_\_\_\_

C. You hang your towels on it:  
UK: \_\_\_\_\_ N. Am.: \_\_\_\_\_

D. It's a small piece of cloth that you use for washing:  
UK: \_\_\_\_\_ N. Am.: \_\_\_\_\_

E. You put your hairdryer in it to connect to the power supply:  
UK: \_\_\_\_\_ N. Am.: \_\_\_\_\_

F. You sit or lie in it to relax and wash your whole body:  
UK: \_\_\_\_\_ N. Am.: \_\_\_\_\_

Exercise 3	A
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Complete the definitions with words from the text on the opposite page.

A. If you “\_\_\_\_\_ the bathroom”, you occupy it for a long time, preventing others from using it.

B. If you “\_\_\_\_\_ it out”, you argue until something is decided.

C. If you “\_\_\_\_\_ your hair”, you dry it with a hairdryer.

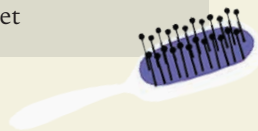
D. If you “have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_”, you spend a period of time in the bath.

E. If something is “\_\_\_\_\_”, it is not easily damaged by drops of water.

Exercise 2	M
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Match the verbs on the left to the words and phrases on the right. Some verbs have several matches.

A. brush	1. a bath
B. clean	2. in the bath
C. have	3. the bathroom
D. hop	4. a face mask
E. put on	5. your hair
F. run	6. make-up
G. use	7. your teeth
H. wash	8. the toilet



**Toilet language**

Be careful when referring to toilets! In Britain, you **go to the toilet**, or, more formally, **to the lavatory**. In informal British English, this is often shortened to **the loo**.

American English speakers talk about **going to** or **using the bathroom**. Don't use the word “toilet” in the US!

Public toilets in Britain are often identifiable by the signs **Ladies** and **Gents**. Signs may also read **WC** or **Public conveniences**. In the US, look out for the **restroom**, the **ladies'** or **women's room** and the **men's room**.

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**match** [mætʃ]  
- Übereinstimmung

**Answers**

- A. tap (UK); faucet (N. Am.)
  - B. plug (UK); stopper (N. Am.)
  - C. towel rail (UK); towel rack (N. Am.)
  - D. flannel (UK); washcloth (N. Am.)
  - E. socket (UK); outlet (N. Am.)
  - F. bath (UK); bathtub (N. Am.)
- A-5,7
  - B-3,7,8
  - C-1
  - D-2
  - E-4,6
  - F-1
  - G-3,8
  - H-5
- A. hog
  - B. fight
  - C. blow-dry
  - D. soak
  - E. splash-proof