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Keeper Conversations: A Gathering of Community Voices


Maintaining a Home, Grade 10


Maintaining a home keeps it safe and healthy. Let's consider how we can take responsibility for our homes and help care for them.


Part 1: Preventive vs. Reactive Maintenance

Maintenance can be preventive or reactive. **Preventive** maintenance is done to prevent problems **before** they happen. **Reactive** maintenance is done **after** something breaks or goes wrong.

Read the scenarios below. Decide whether each is preventive or reactive, and why.

Scenario Fixing a leaky faucet. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Preventive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reactive	Why? Example: <i>This is reactive because the faucet is already broken, and we are fixing it by replacing it.</i>
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Scenario Checking the fire alarm battery. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Preventive <input type="checkbox"/> Reactive	Why?
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Scenario Replacing a broken window after a storm. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Preventive <input type="checkbox"/> Reactive	Why?
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Scenario Cleaning clutter from emergency exits. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Preventative <input type="checkbox"/> Reactive	Why?
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Scenario Unclogging a toilet. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Preventative <input type="checkbox"/> Reactive	Why?
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Scenario Replacing HVAC filters within the suggested timeframe. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Preventative <input type="checkbox"/> Reactive	Why?
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List preventive or reactive home maintenance tasks you do or could do in the future.

Preventative Maintenance	Reactive Maintenance



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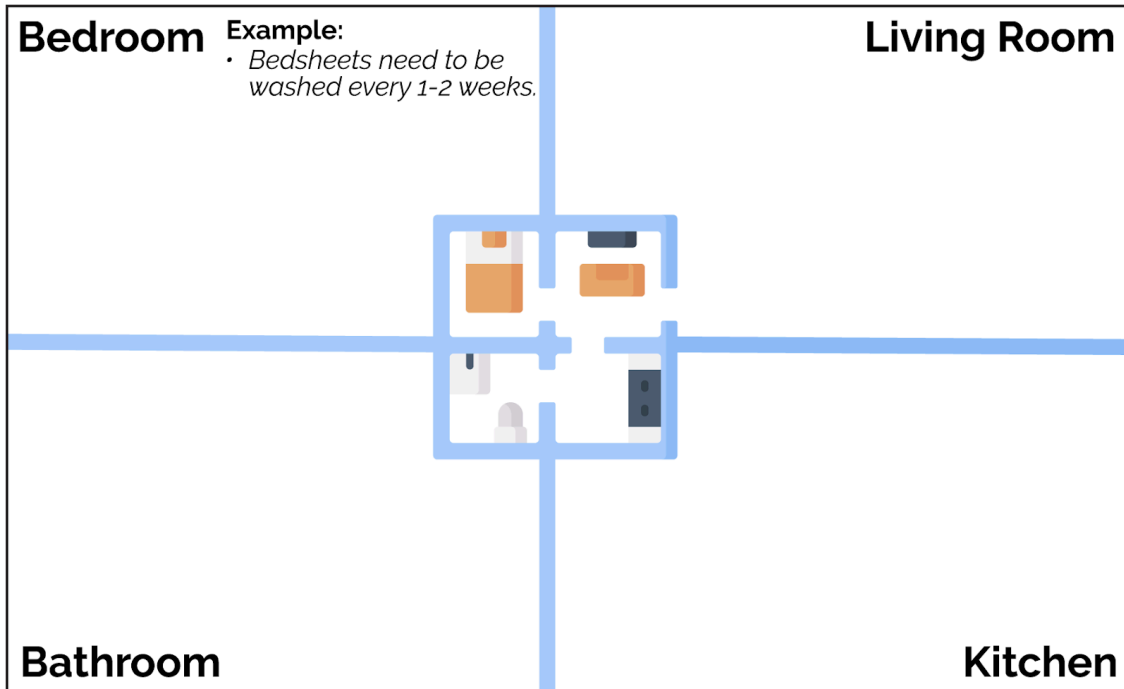
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Part 2: Maintenance Map

Follow the steps below to create a maintenance plan for your home.

Step 1: Maintenance Brainstorm

Consider the different rooms in a home. With a trusted adult or peer, write down 1 thing that requires maintenance in each room and how often it needs to be done.



Choose 2 maintenance tasks you wrote above and brainstorm what can happen if they aren't maintained regularly.

Room:
Maintenance task:
What could happen if not maintained?

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Step 2: Drawing Your Home

Draw a floor plan for your home in the space below or on a separate piece of paper. Build a maintenance plan for your home with help from a trusted adult or by using the internet to find the information below:

- 1 item in each room that requires regular maintenance
- How often each item needs to be maintained, and the tools that are required
- The name of a person, group, or department that can help maintain it