

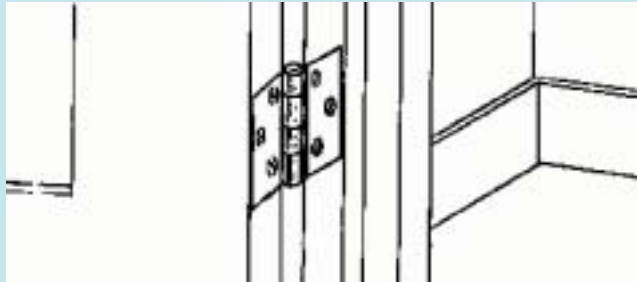
How to Buy a Home in the United States

Unit 4: Lesson 1: Protecting and maintaining your home

Talk about it!

Easing a sticking door

If the bottom corner of a door is rubbing on the frame, it is probably swollen. Take the door off its hinges and shave the corner down with a plane. Replace the door. If the top corner is rubbing, check the hinges before doing any planing. After years of use, hinges become worn so that the pins are slack and the door drops. In this case, fit new hinges, or, as a cheaper alternative, swap old hinges, the top with the bottom, which will reverse the wear on the pins. Finally, replace the door and check to see that it no longer sticks.



First, read the directions for repairing a sticking door above. Work with your group to find the meaning of new words in a dictionary. Write the definition next to the word and/or draw a picture.

Frame _____

Swollen _____

Hinges _____

Plane
(planing) _____

Pins _____

Swap _____

Next, on a large piece of poster paper, illustrate the steps to repairing a sticking door. (Remember that there are two types of sticking doors.) When you have finished, use your diagram and illustrations to explain the procedure to the class.