

HOW STUFF WORKS – TOILETS ANSWERS

Q1. Why are modern toilets better than old-fashioned ones?

A1. They use about half as much water as old fashioned ones.

Q2. Apart from the amount of water they use, what is different about a modern-day toilet compared to an older one?

A2. Older toilets have a ballcock but newer toilets have a float which close the inlet valve.

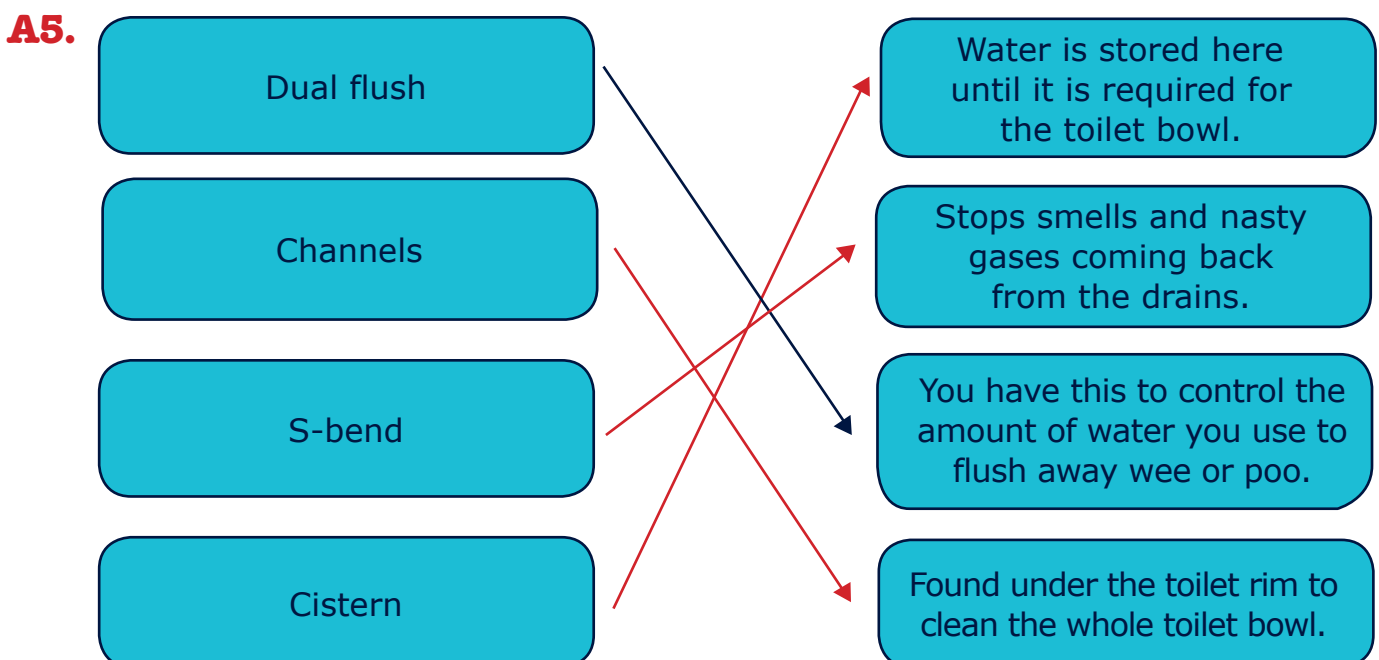
Q3. How are the two flushes different in a dual flush toilet?

A3. One produces a short flush (for wee) and the other gives a full flush (for big poos.)

Q4. What is the job of the inlet valve?

A4. It opens up after a flush to fill up the cistern.

Q5. On the left are some main ideas about toilets. Draw a line to the detail on the right that goes with each of them. One has been done for you.



Q6. Put a T or an F in the boxes next to each statement to say whether the information is true or false.

- A6.** ☐ F Older toilets have a dual flush to control the amount of water used.
☐ F 2,000,000,000 litres of water is used to flush toilets in the UK every month.
☐ T Modern toilets use half the amount of water that old-fashioned ones use.
☐ T After the toilet has been flushed, the waste flows down into the drains.

Q7. Can you find the missing letters in these toilet-related words?

A7. T _ i _ _ t p _ _ er = Toilet paper

_ a _ _ c o _ _ = Ballcock

D _ _ l _ _ u s _ = Dual flush

_ i s _ e _ _ = Cistern

