

HOW STUFF WORKS – TOILETS

Q1. Why are modern toilets better than 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?

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

Q4. What is the job of the inlet valve?

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

Dual-flush	↘	Water is stored here until it is required for the toilet bowl.
Channels		Stops smells and nasty gases coming back from the drains.
S-bend		You have this to control the amount of water you use to flush away wee or poo.
Cistern		Found under the toilet rim to clean the whole toilet bowl.

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

- Older toilets have a dual flush to control the amount of water used.
- 2,000,000,000 litres of water is used to flush toilets in the UK every month.
- Modern toilets use about half the amount of water than old-fashioned ones.
- 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?

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