



The SESK Party Game

STUFF EVERY HOMEOWNER SHOULD KNOW

How to play (30 seconds)

1. The reader reads a card and its three answers out loud.
2. Everyone says "One, two, three, Goldilocks!" and holds up 1, 2, or 3 fingers.
3. The reader flips the card and reads the answer and the Why.
4. Everyone who was right takes a point.
5. The reader reads the joke with a straight face. Anyone laughs or groans? The reader takes a point. Nobody got it right? The reader takes a point.
6. Pass the deck left. Most points when the points run out wins.

What you need

These cards and the point tokens on the last two pages. No tokens? Use coins, buttons, pebbles, or marshmallows. 3 to 10 players, ages 8 and up.

Expert rule: Bet It

Before the reader flips the card, you may put one of your points on your answer. Right: take your normal point plus one extra. Wrong: your bet goes back to the pile. That's it.

Printing

Print single-sided, on cardstock if you have it. Cut on the dashed lines. Each card is a 3.5 x 5 inch index card. The answer half is upside down on purpose, so the table can't peek. Cards 1 to 50 of 119. More cards and the free daily online game at sesk.info. Built 2026-10-12.

HOME & YARD



Where does radon rank among causes of lung cancer in the United States?

- A** Second leading cause
- B** The leading cause
- C** Not a known cause

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4732

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why can you never trust atoms? They make up everything!

A **Second leading cause**
WHY The Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Only smoking causes more lung cancer deaths. It affects non-smokers too.

HOME & YARD



At what radon level does EPA recommend you fix your home?

- A** 10 pCi/L or higher
- B** 4 pCi/L or higher
- C** 1 pCi/L or higher

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4733

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the noble gas cry? Because all his friends are argon.

B **4 pCi/L or higher**
WHY EPA recommends fixing your home if the level is 4 picocuries per liter or higher. Levels below 4 still pose some risk, and in many cases can be reduced.

HOME & YARD



How long does a short-term radon test stay in your home?

- A** Only about one hour
- B** At least one full year
- C** Two days to 90 days

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4734

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the kid throw his clock out the window? To see time fly.

C **Two days to 90 days**
WHY Short-term tests run from two days to 90 days. Radon changes by day and season, so a long-term test (over 90 days) better shows your year-round average.

HOME & YARD



Where in the home should a radon test kit go, according to EPA?

- A** Lowest lived-in level, in a regularly used room
- B** In the kitchen, next to the stove
- C** In the bathroom, beside the shower

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4735

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Where does a radon kit go? Anywhere but the kitchen. It doesn't need a recipe.

A **Lowest lived-in level, in a regularly used room**
WHY Put the kit in the lowest level you live in, in a room used regularly like a bedroom or living room. Avoid the kitchen and bathroom, and keep it at least 20 inches above the floor.

HOME & YARD



Before a 2 or 3 day radon test, how long should windows and doors stay closed?

- A** Only the minute you start
- B** At least 12 hours before starting
- C** At least one full week before

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4736

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Knock, knock. Who's there? Theodore. Theodore who? Theodore is stuck and it won't open!

B At least 12 hours before starting
WHY For a short test of 2 or 3 days, close windows and outside doors at least 12 hours before starting and keep them closed as much as possible during it.

HOME & YARD



How much can a radon reduction system cut radon levels in a home?

- A** About 10%
- B** About half at best
- C** Up to 99%

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4737

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why are chemists great for solving problems? They have all the solutions.

C Up to 99%
WHY Some radon reduction systems cut levels by up to 99%. Even very high levels can often be brought down to acceptable levels.

HOME & YARD



Once your home has a radon system, how often should you retest?

- A** Every two years
- B** Every 20 years
- C** Never, once is enough

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4738

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Did you hear about the man who got cooled to absolute zero? He's OK now.

A Every two years
WHY EPA says it is a good idea to retest every two years to be sure radon levels remain low. Most soil suction systems also have a monitor showing whether they work properly.

HOME & YARD



Which homes can have a radon problem?

- A** Only homes with basements
- B** Any home, new or old, with or without a basement
- C** Only old, drafty houses

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4739

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What do you call a cute door? Adorable.

B Any home, new or old, with or without a basement
WHY EPA says any home may have a radon problem. Radon from soil gas is the main cause, entering through cracks and other holes in the foundation.

HOME & YARD



About what share of US homes built before 1978 still contain some lead-based paint?

- A** About 5 percent
- B** About one in a hundred
- C** About three-quarters

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4740

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What did Michelangelo say to the ceiling? I got you covered.

C About three-quarters
WHY EPA says approximately three-quarters of US homes built before 1978 still contain some lead-based paint. Paint in good condition is mostly safe, but peeling or worn paint can create hazardous dust.

HOME & YARD



Does EPA's RRP rule generally require homeowners painting their own pre-1978 house to be certified?

- A** Generally no, the rule covers paid work
- B** Yes, every homeowner needs a license
- C** Yes, but only for exterior painting

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4741

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What did the painter say to the wall? One more crack like that and I'll plaster ya.

A Generally no, the rule covers paid work
WHY The RRP Rule generally does not apply to homeowners working on their own pre-1978 home. It does apply to anyone paid, and also if you rent part of your home, run a child care center there, or flip houses.

HOME & YARD



Before sanding or scraping old paint, what does EPA suggest to keep dust down?

- A** Dry-sand it as fast as possible
- B** Mist the area with a spray bottle
- C** Blow the dust away with a fan

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4742

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Did you hear about the artist who paints in jail? He had a brush with the law.

B Mist the area with a spray bottle
WHY EPA lists a spray mister or pump sprayer to mist areas before sanding, scraping, drilling and cutting. Wet dust stays put instead of floating through the house.

HOME & YARD



You can't tell when your house was built. What does EPA say to assume before renovating?

- A** That the paint has no lead
- B** That lead is only in the basement
- C** That the area has lead-based paint

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4743

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What goes up and down but does not move? Stairs.

C That the area has lead-based paint
WHY EPA says if you cannot determine the age of your home, it is safest to assume the area you are renovating has lead-based paint. Then use the DIY lead-safe work practices.

HOME & YARD



How soon should you dry a water-damaged area to prevent mold growth?

- A** Within 24 to 48 hours
- B** Within two weeks
- C** Within one month

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4747

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Mold gives you 48 hours. After that, it moves in and pays no rent.

A Within 24 to 48 hours
WHY EPA says to dry water-damaged areas and items within 24 to 48 hours. If damp materials are dried in that window, in most cases mold will not grow.

HOME & YARD



What indoor humidity does EPA say is ideal for discouraging mold?

- A** 70 to 80 percent
- B** 30 to 50 percent
- C** 5 to 15 percent

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4745

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Did you hear the joke about the fungus? I could tell it to you, but it might need time to grow on you.

B 30 to 50 percent
WHY EPA suggests keeping indoor humidity below 60 percent, ideally between 30 and 50 percent relative humidity. A moisture or humidity meter costs about \$10 to \$50.

HOME & YARD



Up to about how big a moldy patch can you usually clean yourself, per EPA?

- A** About 100 square feet
- B** Any size at all
- C** About 10 square feet

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4746

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the fungi leave the party? There wasn't mushroom.

C About 10 square feet
WHY If the moldy area is under about 10 square feet, in most cases you can handle it yourself. For larger problems or lots of water damage, consult EPA guidance or a professional.

HOME & YARD



Can you fix a moldy surface by painting or caulking over it?

- A** No, clean and dry it first
- B** Yes, paint seals it in
- C** Yes, but only caulk works

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4747

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why was the painting arrested? Because it was framed.

A No, clean and dry it first
WHY EPA says not to paint or caulk moldy surfaces. Clean up the mold and dry the surfaces before painting, because paint applied over mold is likely to peel.

HOME & YARD



A wall has visible mold. Does EPA say you usually need lab sampling first?

- A** Yes, always, before touching it
- B** No, sampling is usually unnecessary
- C** Yes, the law requires it

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4748

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the mushroom get invited to all the parties? Because he's a fungi!

B No, sampling is usually unnecessary
WHY EPA says in most cases, if visible mold growth is present, sampling is unnecessary. No federal limits have been set for mold or mold spores, so test results cannot show compliance.

HOME & YARD



Which moldy items may have to be thrown away, according to EPA?

- A** Hard glass and metal items
- B** Only things that are still dry
- C** Porous items like ceiling tiles and carpet

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4749

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What is full of holes but can still hold water? A sponge!

C Porous items like ceiling tiles and carpet
WHY Mold can grow into the empty spaces and crevices of absorbent or porous materials, so it may be difficult or impossible to remove completely. Hard surfaces can usually be scrubbed with detergent and water.

HOME & YARD



Does EPA recommend chlorine bleach as a routine part of mold cleanup?

- A** No, it is not recommended routinely
- B** Yes, always use full-strength bleach
- C** Yes, but only on carpet

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4750

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What's the only room you can't have in your house? A mushroom.

A No, it is not recommended routinely
WHY EPA says using a biocide that kills organisms such as mold, like chlorine bleach, is not recommended as a routine practice. Scrubbing with detergent and water, then drying, is the standard approach.

HOME & YARD



How often does ENERGY STAR say to inspect, clean or change your furnace or AC air filter?

- A** Once every five years
- B** Once a month
- C** Only when it smells

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4751

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
How can you spell cold with two letters? IC (icy).

B Once a month
WHY ENERGY STAR says to inspect, clean or change air filters once a month in your central air conditioner, furnace or heat pump. A dirty filter raises energy costs and can cause early failure.

HOME & YARD



When does ENERGY STAR say to schedule the annual check-up for your heating system?

- A** In the middle of winter
- B** Only after it breaks
- C** In the fall

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4752

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What falls but never hits the ground? The temperature!

C In the fall
WHY Contractors get busy once summer and winter come, so check the cooling system in the spring and the heating system in the fall. Tie it to the time changes so you remember.

HOME & YARD



What can a plugged condensate drain on your AC or furnace cause?

- A** Water damage in the house
- B** A natural gas leak
- C** A drop in the water bill

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4753

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What happens when you throw a blue hat into the ocean? It gets wet.

A Water damage in the house
WHY The condensate drain carries away water the system makes. ENERGY STAR says a plugged drain can cause water damage in the house and affect indoor humidity levels.

HOME & YARD



Airflow problems can reduce an air conditioner's efficiency by up to how much?

- A** About 1 percent
- B** Up to 15 percent
- C** Up to 80 percent

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4754

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
How do you prevent a summer cold? Catch it in winter.

B Up to 15 percent
WHY ENERGY STAR says airflow problems can cut a system's efficiency by up to 15 percent. Cleaning and adjusting blower components helps provide proper airflow and comfort.

HOME & YARD



How often does EPA recommend routine air duct cleaning?

- A** Every single month
- B** Every year, no exceptions
- C** Not routinely, only as needed

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4755

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Duct cleaners promise a breath of fresh air. EPA says only if it's needed.

C Not routinely, only as needed
WHY EPA does not recommend cleaning ducts routinely, only as needed. Duct cleaning has never been shown to prevent health problems, and a light amount of household dust in ducts poses no known risk.

SAFETY & FIRST AID



Which smoke alarm setup does the US Fire Administration recommend for every home?

- A** Both ionization and photoelectric, or dual-sensor
- B** Ionization alarms only
- C** Photoelectric alarms only

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4756

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Knock, knock. Who's there? Nobel. Nobel who? No bell, that's why I knocked!

A Both ionization and photoelectric, or dual-sensor
WHY The two alarm types detect different kinds of fires, and no one can predict which fire will start. USFA recommends both types, or dual-sensor alarms that combine both.

SAFETY & FIRST AID



Why does USFA recommend interconnected smoke alarms?

- A** They never need testing
- B** When one sounds, they all sound
- C** They never need power

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4757

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Knock, knock. Who's there? Figs. Figs who? Figs the doorbell, it's broken!

B When one sounds, they all sound
WHY A fire far from your bedroom may not wake you. With interconnected alarms, when one alarm detects smoke, every alarm in the house sounds.

SAFETY & FIRST AID



Your smoke alarm sounds while you cook. What should you not do?

- A** Open a window and press hush
- B** Wave a towel at the alarm
- C** Take the battery out

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4758

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why does James Bond love to barbecue? He has a license to grill.

C Take the battery out
WHY USFA says never take the battery out while cooking. Open a window or door, press the hush button, wave a towel, or move the alarm several feet from the kitchen.

SAFETY & FIRST AID



What does the US Fire Administration suggest for fire detection in an attached garage?

- A** A heat alarm
- B** A standard smoke alarm
- C** A carbon monoxide alarm

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4759

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What do you call ice cream on a hot summer day? Melted!

A A heat alarm
WHY Smoke alarms are not required or designed for garages. Temperature changes, humidity, dust, fumes and insects can set them off. Heat alarms are made not to be affected by these conditions.

SAFETY & FIRST AID



A garage heat alarm should be rated for what temperature range?

- A** 90 to 110 degrees F
- B** 175 to 250 degrees F
- C** 300 to 400 degrees F

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4760

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What is the opposite of a cold front? A warm back.

B 175 to 250 degrees F
WHY Alarms rated lower may sound just because a garage rises above 100 degrees F. Alarms rated higher may sound too late to warn you of a real fire.

SAFETY & FIRST AID



Smoke alarms plus fire sprinklers reduce the risk of dying in a fire by about how much?

- A** 12 percent
- B** 25 percent
- C** 82 percent

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4761

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What do gardeners wear on their legs? Garden hose.

C 82 percent
WHY USFA says fire sprinklers and smoke alarms together reduce the risk of dying in a fire by 82 percent. Home sprinklers respond fast, and only the sprinkler above the fire sprays.

SAFETY & FIRST AID



A Class C fire extinguisher is designed for fires involving what?

- A** Electrical equipment
- B** Wood, cloth and paper
- C** Cooking oils and fats

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4762

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why was there thunder and lightning in the lab? The scientists were brainstorming!

A Electrical equipment
WHY Class C extinguishers use an agent that does not conduct electricity, so they are for plugged-in appliances and tools. Multipurpose B-C or A-B-C extinguishers cover several types.

HOME & YARD



How often should a toilet flapper be replaced, at minimum, according to EPA WaterSense?

- A** Once every 50 years
- B** At least every five years
- C** Never, they last forever

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4763

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
A bad flapper is silent but costly, like a bad poker face.

B At least every five years
WHY The rubber flapper wears out. WaterSense says check it periodically and replace it at least every five years. An old flapper can make a toilet flush on its own or silently leak thousands of gallons a year.

HOME & YARD



Food coloring in your toilet tank shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes. What does that mean?

- A** The toilet is working perfectly
- B** The water is too hard
- C** The toilet is leaking

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4764

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What do you call a man with a toilet on his head?
John.

C The toilet is leaking
WHY If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Flush right away afterward so the dye does not stain the tank.

HOME & YARD



To check for hidden leaks, how long do you watch the water meter with no water in use?

- A** Two hours
- B** Two minutes
- C** Two weeks

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4765

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What has two hands, a round face, always runs, but stays in place? A clock!

A Two hours
WHY Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.

HOME & YARD



A faucet that drips once per second wastes more than how much water per year?

- A** About 30 gallons
- B** More than 3,000 gallons
- C** About 300 gallons

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4766

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Who turns his head before crying? Tap!

B More than 3,000 gallons
WHY EPA WaterSense says a leaky faucet dripping at one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. That is enough for more than 180 showers.

HOME & YARD



When does EPA WaterSense suggest checking an in-ground irrigation system for frost damage?

- A** Only after it floods
- B** Every 25 years
- C** Each spring before use

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4767

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Did you hear the one about the gardener who couldn't wait for spring? He was so excited, he wet his plants!

C Each spring before use
WHY Check in-ground irrigation each spring before use to make sure frost or freezing did not damage it. A leak just 1/32 inch wide can waste about 6,300 gallons a month.

HOME & YARD



How often should you test a private well for bacteria, nitrates and pH?

- A** Once a year
- B** Once every 20 years
- C** Only when you buy the house

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4768

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the professor wade into the pool? To test the water.

WHY EPA says to test your private well annually for total coliform bacteria, nitrates, total dissolved solids and pH. Test more often for children, older adults or pregnancy, or after floods and repairs.

A Once a year

HOME & YARD



In ENERGY STAR's paper test, a sheet shut in your window slides back and forth easily. What does that mean?

- A** The window is perfectly sealed
- B** The window could be tighter
- C** The glass is too thick

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4769

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the teacher draw on the window? Because he wanted his lesson to be very clear.

WHY Close the window on a piece of paper. If the paper easily moves back and forth, the seal is loose and the window could be tighter. Thicker weatherstripping can help.

B The window could be tighter

HOME & YARD



How can a lit incense stick help you find air leaks around a window?

- A** It melts the window seal
- B** It sprays sealant on leaks
- C** Its smoke gets pushed toward or away from leaks

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4770

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Knock, knock. Who's there? Police. Police who? Police let us in, it's cold out here!

WHY Hold a lit incense stick near the seams or sash. If the smoke is pushed one way or another, you most likely have a leak. Never use it near curtains or other flammable materials.

C Its smoke gets pushed toward or away from leaks

HOME & YARD



Pea-size, flaky gray attic insulation called vermiculite may contain what?

- A** Asbestos
- B** Radon gas
- C** Lead paint chips

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4771

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why don't mountains get cold in the winter? They wear snow caps.

WHY ENERGY STAR says some attics have vermiculite insulation, which may contain asbestos. Do not disturb it unless it has been tested by an approved lab.

A Asbestos

HOME & YARD



Why does ENERGY STAR suggest a professional check before sealing your home tightly?

- A Sealing voids the roof warranty
- B Sealing can cause combustion appliances to backdraft
- C Sealing makes windows hard to open

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4772

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
How do campers react to building a campfire? They always want s'more.

B Sealing can cause combustion appliances to backdraft
WHY Sealing a home or ducts can cause combustion appliances like water heaters to backdraft, creating unsafe indoor conditions. A tight home may also trap radon, carbon monoxide and other pollutants.

HOME & YARD



In a 1-inch rain, about how much water falls on the roof of a 2,000 square foot house?

- A About 125 gallons
- B About 12,500 gallons
- C About 1,250 gallons

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4773

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Did you hear the joke about the roof? Never mind, it's over your head!

C About 1,250 gallons
WHY UMN Extension says 1,250 gallons falls on a 2,000-square-foot house roof in a 1-inch rain. Without good grading, gutters and downspouts, some of it ends up in the basement.

HOME & YARD



Why should a sump pit have an airtight cover?

- A An open pit draws in moist air
- B It keeps the pump from rusting
- C It stops the pump making noise

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4774

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What gets bigger and bigger as you take more away from it? A hole!

A An open pit draws in moist air
WHY In most houses warm air rises, pulling moist air in through any cracks or openings in the foundation, including open sump pits. UMN Extension says sumps should have an airtight cover.

HOME & YARD



According to UMN Extension, is a dehumidifier a permanent fix for a damp basement?

- A Yes, it fixes any basement
- B No, it only treats symptoms
- C Yes, if you buy a bigger one

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4775

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why are waterbeds so bouncy? They're filled with spring water.

B No, it only treats symptoms
WHY UMN Extension says dehumidification can reduce humidity and odor symptoms but is not a permanent or complete solution. Control indoor moisture sources, fix grading, gutters and downspouts, then add drainage if needed.

HOME & YARD



What hazard are AFCIs meant to address, compared with GFCIs?

- A Shock hazards
- B Water leaks
- C Fire hazards

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4776

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why don't lamps ever sink when they're in water?
They are too light

C Fire hazards
WHY AFCIs protect against fires from arcing and sparking in wiring. GFCIs protect against shock. Combination devices provide both kinds of protection in one unit.

HOME & YARD



Do ordinary household circuit breakers respond to early arcing and sparking?

- A No, they miss early arcing
- B Yes, instantly
- C Yes, but only in basements

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4777

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What did the firefly say to her best friend? You glow, girl!

A No, they miss early arcing
WHY CPSC says typical household fuses and breakers do not respond to early arcing and sparking conditions. By the time they open the circuit, a fire may already have begun.

HOME & YARD



A GFCI trips when current flowing out and back differs by as little as how much?

- A 6 amperes
- B 0.006 amperes
- C 60 amperes

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4778

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What did the cloud say to the lightning bolt?
'You're shocking!'

B 0.006 amperes
WHY A GFCI constantly monitors the current. If the current going out differs from the returning current by as little as 0.006 amperes, it cuts power faster than a blink, before a fatal shock can occur.

HOME & YARD



Since what year has the NEC required GFCI protection for bathroom receptacles, per CPSC?

- A 1955
- B 1995
- C 1975

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4779

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why shouldn't you play poker with a plumber? A good flush beats a full house every time.

C 1975
WHY CPSC's fact sheet lists bathrooms since 1975. Outdoors came in 1973, garages in 1978, and kitchens in 1987. The NEC typically applies to new construction and major renovations.

HOME & YARD



What do all indoor molds need in order to grow?

- A Water or moisture
- B Direct sunlight
- C Freezing temperatures

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4780

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why do toadstools grow so close together? They don't need mushrooms.

A Water or moisture
WHY EPA says mold may begin growing indoors when spores land on wet surfaces, and none of the many types will grow without water or moisture. That is why fixing leaks is the first step.

HOME & YARD



When stripping old paint with a heat gun, how hot should EPA's low-temperature gun stay?

- A Over 1,100 degrees F
- B Under 1,100 degrees F
- C As hot as it will go

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#4781

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Did you hear about the painter's messy house? It was a work in progress.

B Under 1,100 degrees F
WHY EPA lists a low-temperature heat gun, under 1,100 degrees Fahrenheit, for removing paint. Keeping the heat low is part of lead-safe paint removal.

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