


Title	Hi-fi repairs	Level: lower
Text:	<p>Hiroshi's hi-fi stopped working, so he took it to a local shop. The engineer was experienced and competent, but was unable to repair it. Instead, he kindly lent Hiroshi a spare CD player until he could buy a new one.</p>	
Question for discussion:	<p>Do you know a good, local engineer to go to when an electrical device breaks?</p>	
Words and usage:	<p><b>'stop working'</b>.</p> <p>'Stop working' is usually used for electronic devices or machines, such as electrical appliances, computers, tablets or mobile phones. For big mechanical things like cars or trucks, in the UK we often say 'break down'.</p> <p>In this case, the hi-fi always worked when it was switched on, so its service was <b>continuous (...ing)</b>, .....until it stopped working.</p> <p>We can also use this form for other continuous actions by people, such as driving, smoking or playing computer games, which we may start or stop doing for reasons of time, money or health.</p>	
Resources:	<p>Oxford Dictionaries. <a href="http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com">http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com</a>  The British Council website. <a href="https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org">https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org</a></p>	
Listening link:	<p><a href="#">Hi-fi repairs</a></p> 	
Practice idea:	<p>Think of things you have at home that have stopped working in the past, or activities which you stopped doing. Write a short topic about one.</p>	
Quiz Me! Conversation card:	<p>Card number A1 below is from a new 'game pack', available soon at <a href="http://englishbooks.jp">englishbooks.jp</a></p>	