



New Trend Ditches Traditional Bathtubs and Showers

Description

These days, more smart technology is being used in our homes, including bathrooms. Many people are moving away from traditional showers and bathtubs to new designs that have smart features. For example, some bathrooms now include touchscreens that let you adjust water temperature or play music while you wash. Some setups even allow voice commands, making them easier to use.

One reason many people prefer voice-activated systems is that they are hands-free. This means you can start your shower or set the temperature without using your hands. This feature is especially helpful for those who have mobility problems. Some smart shower brands, like Moen, can connect with digital assistants such as Amazon Alexa or Google Assistant, making it easier to use your existing smart home devices.

While voice-activated showers offer convenience, there are important things to think about before buying one. Prices can be high, with some systems costing over £1,000. Installation can also be complicated, requiring wiring and possibly even help from a professional. Traditional shower systems are usually more affordable and easier to install.

Smart showers may not always increase the value of your home, but they can be seen as a luxury feature that may appeal to some buyers.

Vocabulary List:

1. **touchscreens** //ˈtʌtʃ,skri:nz// (noun): a screen you touch to control things
2. **adjust** //əˈdʒʌst// (verb): change something a little to make it work
3. **commands** //kəˈmændz// (noun): spoken or written orders to do something
4. **mobility** //məʊˈbɪlɪti// (noun): ability to move or be moved easily
5. **installation** //ˌɪnstəˈleɪʃən// (noun): putting equipment or systems into position
6. **luxury** //ˈlʌkʃəri// (adjective): expensive and enjoyable but not necessary

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice



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1. What type of technology is increasingly being used in homes, including bathrooms?
 - Option: Smart technology
 - Option: Traditional technology
 - Option: Analog technology
 - Option: Mechanical technology

 2. What feature do some modern bathrooms include that allows users to adjust water temperature?
 - Option: Manual knobs
 - Option: Touchscreens
 - Option: Levers
 - Option: Remote controls

 3. Which brand of smart shower can connect with Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant?
 - Option: Moen
 - Option: Kohler
 - Option: Hansgrohe
 - Option: Delta

 4. What is one reason people prefer voice-activated shower systems?
 - Option: They are cheaper
 - Option: They are hands-free
 - Option: They look nicer
 - Option: They take less space

 5. How much can some smart shower systems cost?
 - Option: Under £500
 - Option: Around £1,000
 - Option: Over £1,000
 - Option: Under £200

 6. Why might installation of smart showers be complicated?
 - Option: Requires no tools
 - Option: Requires wiring and possibly professional help
 - Option: Only takes one hour
 - Option: Is always straightforward

True-False



7. Most people are still using traditional showers instead of smart technology.
8. Voice-activated systems allow users to start the shower without using their hands.
9. Smart showers can be installed without any professional help.
10. Most traditional shower systems are more expensive than smart systems.
11. Smart showers may not increase the value of a home.
12. Some bathrooms now feature wireless controls for adjusting water flow.

Gap-Fill

13. Many people are moving away from traditional showers and bathtubs to _____ designs.
14. Voice commands make smart showers easier to _____.
15. One reason for the popularity of voice-activated systems is that they are _____.
16. Some smart shower brands can connect with digital assistants like Amazon Alexa and _____.
17. Prices for smart shower systems can exceed _____.
18. Installation of smart showers can be _____ due to wiring requirements.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Smart technology 2. Touchscreens 3. Moen 4. They are hands-free 5. Over £1,000
6. Requires wiring and possibly professional help

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. new 14. use 15. hands-free 16. Google Assistant 17. £1,000 18. complicated

Vocabulary quizzes



Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What technology allows users to interact directly with what is displayed?
Option: Keyboards
Option: Mice
Option: Touchscreens
Option: Trackpads
2. Which term describes something that provides great comfort but is not necessary?
Option: Basic
Option: Essential
Option: Luxury
Option: Standard
3. Which speed classification refers to speeds greater than five times the speed of sound?
Option: Subsonic
Option: Supersonic
Option: Hypersonic
Option: Transonic
4. What type of force is responsible for the attraction between masses?
Option: Electromagnetic
Option: Nuclear
Option: Gravitational
Option: Frictional
5. What term refers to beginning a journey or project?
Option: Disembarked
Option: Embarked
Option: Exited
Option: Completed
6. Which word describes something that is important or meaningful?
Option: Trivial
Option: Negligible
Option: Insignificant
Option: Significant
7. What is the path an object takes while moving around another object in space?
Option: Rotation
Option: Translation
Option: Orbit



Option: Revolution

8. Which term describes a state of losing water in the body?

Option: Hydrated

Option: Dehydrated

Option: Saturated

Option: Moist

9. What do we call the small celestial bodies that create streaks of light when they enter Earth's atmosphere?

Option: Asteroids

Option: Comets

Option: Meteors

Option: Planets

10. Which term refers to the ability to move or be moved freely and easily?

Option: Immobility

Option: Mobility

Option: Stagnation

Option: Static

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The astronauts received various _____ to execute during their mission.

12. The _____ protects Earth from harmful solar radiation.

13. The _____ of the new equipment took several days to complete.

14. The presentation began with an _____ of the project.

15. The chef employed various _____ to enhance the flavors of the dish.

16. The _____ glassware must be handled with care.

17. The spacecraft performed a _____ of the planet before proceeding to orbit.

18. The spacecraft _____ the atmosphere at a high velocity.

19. The power plant produces several hundred _____ of electricity.



20. The technology has advanced faster than its _____ in other countries.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The artist's style is known for its distinctiveness and creativity.
22. The pilot skillfully adjusted the aircraft's position and direction.
23. The team successfully started the engines for the rocket launch.
24. The group prepared for their journey to the International Space Station.
25. We need to change the settings to optimize the performance of the machine.
26. The discovery of water on Mars opened new possibilities for human exploration.
27. The airplane ascended to a height where the air was thinner.
28. The software creates a virtual environment for user training.
29. The committee is evaluating its previous decisions based on new information.
30. This research plays a crucial role in understanding climate change.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Touchscreens 2. Luxury 3. Hypersonic 4. Gravitational 5. Embarked 6. Significant 7. Orbit 8. Dehydrated 9. Meteors 10. Mobility

Gap-Fill: 11. commands 12. atmosphere 13. installation 14. overview 15. techniques 16. fragile 17. flyby 18. re-enters 19. gigawatts 20. counterparts

Matching sentence: 1. uniqueness 2. maneuver 3. ignited 4. astronauts 5. adjust 6. significance 7. altitude 8. simulates 9. reconsidering 10. significant

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