



New Trend Signals End for Bathtubs and Showers

Description

New smart technology is changing bathrooms. Many people now want smart showers instead of traditional ones. These showers have features like touchscreens and voice activation. They let you control things like water temperature and music with your voice. Smart showers are becoming very popular.

One reason for this popularity is that voice activation is easy to use. You can start the shower without using your hands. This is helpful for people with mobility problems. Some brands, like Moen, connect with devices like Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant.

However, smart showers can be expensive. For example, a Moen Smart Shower costs over \$1,000, while another brand, Kohler, is around \$517. You might pay more for other parts needed to install them. Traditional showers usually cost between £20 and £200.

Installing smart showers can be difficult. You might need a professional to help. Repairs can also be more challenging. Many buyers do not pay more for homes with smart showers, but they may see them as a luxury.

Vocabulary List:

1. **technology** //tɛk'nɒlədʒi// (noun): machines and tools made using science
2. **traditional** //trə'dɪʃənəl// (adjective): using older, common ways or methods
3. **activation** //æktɪ'veɪʃən// (noun): making a device or system begin to work
4. **mobility** //məʊ'bɪləti// (noun): ability to move or be moved easily
5. **installing** //ɪn'stɔːlɪŋ// (verb): put equipment or devices in the correct place to use
6. **luxury** //ˈlʌkʃəri// (noun): something expensive that is not necessary

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What feature do smart showers commonly have?

Option: Manual controls

Option: Touchscreens



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- Option: Standard faucets
 - Option: Basic thermostats

2. Which brand is mentioned as connecting with Amazon Alexa?

- Option: Kohler
- Option: Moen
- Option: Delta
- Option: Grohe

3. What is the approximate cost of a Moen Smart Shower?

- Option: £100
- Option: \$200
- Option: \$1,000
- Option: \$517

4. Which of the following is a benefit of smart showers?

- Option: Low cost
- Option: Ease of use
- Option: Require no installation
- Option: Energy efficiency

5. How much do traditional showers typically cost?

- Option: £20 to £200
- Option: \$500 to \$1,000
- Option: £1,000 and above
- Option: £10 to £30

6. What can voice activation in smart showers help with?

- Option: Starting the shower
- Option: Adjusting the water pressure
- Option: Heating the water
- Option: Cleaning the shower

True-False

7. Smart showers are becoming less popular.

8. All smart showers are affordable for everyone.



9. Moen Smart Showers can connect with Google Assistant.
10. Many buyers see smart showers as a luxury.
11. Installing smart showers always requires a professional.
12. Voice activation in smart showers is convenient for people with mobility problems.

Gap-Fill

13. Smart showers let you control things like water temperature and _____ with your voice.
14. Traditional showers usually cost between £20 and £ _____.
15. A Moen Smart Shower costs over \$ _____ or around £517.
16. Many people choose smart showers over _____ ones.
17. Repairs for smart showers can be more _____ than for traditional showers.
18. Voice activation is considered _____ to use.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Touchscreens 2. Moen 3. \$1,000 4. Ease of use 5. £20 to £200 6. Starting the shower

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

Gap-Fill: 13. music 14. 200 15. 1,000 16. traditional 17. challenging 18. easy

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is typically formed when a meteor impacts the Earth?

Option: Mountain

Option: Crater

Option: Valley



Option: Plain

2. What term is used to describe the collision of a meteor with a planet's surface?

Option: Mass

Option: Impact

Option: Combine

Option: Merge

3. What is the term for the fragments left after a meteor strike?

Option: Debris

Option: Rubble

Option: Dust

Option: Ash

4. Who typically studies the effects of meteor impacts?

Option: Scientists

Option: Researchers

Option: Astronauts

Option: Engineers

5. What has advanced to allow for better protection against meteors?

Option: Biology

Option: History

Option: Technology

Option: Philosophy

6. What do scientists propose to improve against incoming meteors?

Option: Attack

Option: Defences

Option: Surveillance

Option: Fencing

7. What term describes a feature that is one of a kind?

Option: Regular

Option: Common

Option: Unique

Option: Normal

8. What must be done to send a spacecraft into orbit?



- Option: Launch
- Option: Dock
- Option: Install
- Option: Debrief

9. What type of texture can debris from a meteor impact sometimes have?

- Option: Matte
- Option: Glassy
- Option: Rough
- Option: Bumpy

10. What activity involves searching for new information or understanding about the universe?

- Option: Exploiting
- Option: Ignoring
- Option: Exploring
- Option: Surrendering

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

- 11. The crater features steep walls that make it visually fascinating and challenging to study.
- 12. Advancements in technology are making it easier for us to resist the impacts of meteors.
- 13. To ensure safety, we must activate our monitoring systems immediately after a meteor event.
- 14. The new spacecraft design enhances the mobility needed for astronauts to navigate in space.
- 15. We are installing new sensors to better detect incoming space debris.
- 16. Living on another planet may one day be a luxury we can afford.
- 17. Developers often release a patch to fix bugs in their software or gameplay.
- 18. Astronauts aim to inspire the next generation of scientists by sharing their experiences.
- 19. When exploring new worlds, astronauts often think about the borders of human knowledge.
- 20. The explorers of the past are often viewed as legendary figures in history.

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



21. The large crater on the moon is a result of several meteor impacts.
22. The impact of the meteor created a significant change in the landscape.
23. The debris from the meteor shower scattered across the valley.
24. Researchers are working hard to uncover the mysteries of the universe.
25. Modern technology has revolutionized the way we explore outer space.
26. Our defences against meteor strikes have been significantly improved.
27. Exploring new planets is a dream for many scientists and astronauts.
28. The launch of the new spacecraft will mark a new era in space travel.
29. This unique feature makes the crater an interesting site for study.
30. The glassy surface of the meteorite reflects sunlight beautifully.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Crater 2. Impact 3. Debris 4. Researchers 5. Technology 6. Defences 7. Unique 8. Launch 9. Glassy 10. Exploring

Gap-Fill: 11. steep 12. resist 13. activate 14. mobility 15. installing 16. luxury 17. patch 18. inspire 19. borders 20. legendary

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