Damn, that hurt!

What on earth are you doing?

I’m trying to fix this vacuum cleaner and the screwdriver slipped and jabbed my finger

I can see you’re trying to fix it - more to the point, why?

Because it’s broken

Yes, I know it’s broken – it was me that told you it was broken. I’m just wondering why you’re trying to fix a broken fifteen year old vacuum cleaner that would have trouble sucking the skin off a rice pudding? Why not just go out and buy a new one?

Well, we won’t need a new one if I can fix this one, will we. It’s probably just something simple like a screw loose.

A screw loose? You mean in the vacuum cleaner?

Oh, ha ha, very funny. You won’t be laughing if I fix it.

I’ll faint if you fix it. I can tell you right now, you’ve got Buckley’s trying to fix that.

Oh ye of little faith. How do you know I can’t fix it? I mended your hair dryer didn’t I?

You mean the one that two days later nearly electrocuted me? You won’t fix this because it doesn’t work. It stopped working when there was a strong smell of burning electricals and smoke poured out of it. It’s stuffed, kaput, irreparably knackered, totally fu…

Yes, yes but I can at least try to fix it. Look, see there – if I tighten this up a bit and just reposition this. There – I’ll just put the cover back on and we’re good to go. I’ll just plug it in and turn it on…

Oh, that’s just great. Instead of sucking, it’s now blowing hot air – just like you eh?

Mmm…yes…well. Pass me my car keys will you.

Car keys?

Yeah, think I might nip out and buy a new vacuum cleaner