

Doing housework? Who does what?

1 READING & VOCABULARY

housework, *make* or *do*?

- a Read the headlines. The same word is missing in each one. What do you think it is?

1 Doing _____ is as good as going to the gym

Doing exercise for 30 minutes a day is good for your health, a new Canadian study has found. The study looked at 130,000 people in 17 countries. Only 3% of the people did 30 minutes of sport a day, like running or swimming. But the researchers found that you don't need to do sport or go to the gym – any form of physical activity is good for you, including housework. Activities like doing the cleaning are really good exercise, so you can stay healthy and have a clean house at the same time.

Your comments

- 1 A Maybe housework is good exercise, but sport is more fun.
B My children all do housework – I don't need the government's help.
C Great idea. More countries need to do this.
D This can't be true. 30 minutes of cleaning and 30 minutes of running are not the same thing.
E Nice idea, but impossible in real life.
F I hate exercise, but I also hate housework. What can I do?

- b Read the articles and check. Then read the online comments and match A–F to articles 1 or 2. Which comments do you agree with?
- c Look at article 1 again. Which verb goes before *housework*, *sport*, and *the cleaning*?

2 NEW SPANISH LAW: children must help their parents with _____

Is it a battle to get your kids to help with housework? Think about moving to live in Spain, where the government has decided that children under the age of 18, both boys and girls, have an obligation to 'participate in family life' – and that includes doing housework. However, they don't say what happens to children who say no when their parents ask them to do something.

3 GRAMMAR

present perfect + *yet*, *just*, *already*

- a Look at the pictures and read the conversations. Then complete them with a past participle from the list.

been broken come done
finished made put started

- 1 A Have you finished the washing-up?
B Not yet.
A Have you _____ it?
B Er...yes.
A What's that noise? Have you _____ something?
B Sorry. Only a glass.



- 2 A What's for dinner?
B I don't know. I haven't _____ anything. I've just _____ home.
A Is there anything in the fridge?
B Not much. I haven't _____ to the supermarket yet.
A Oh!
B Maybe you can go?



- 3 A Are you going to take the rubbish out?
B I've already _____ it.
A And have you _____ a new bag in the bin?
B No, I couldn't find the bags.

- b 4.3 Listen and check. Do you ever have conversations like this? Who with?

- c Look at the **highlighted** words in the conversations. Then match sentences 1–4 to a–d.

- 1 He's made lunch. a He's going to make lunch later.
2 He's just made lunch. b He made lunch earlier than usual.
3 He's already made lunch. c He made lunch very recently.
4 He hasn't made lunch yet. d Lunch is ready.