

Read and write questions for the answers.

busework includes many different activities such as cleaning, washing, and cooking. It's very hard work and it never ends! We have to work every day because the house and the clothes get dirty very quickly. But it is not as hard today as it was two centuries ago.

In the 18th century, housework wasn't easy. There was no electricity and very few houses had running water. Women had to carry water from a river or a well. Mops didn't exist, so women had to clean the floors on their knees, using water and a brush. To clean their clothes, they had to make their own soap and wash the clothes by hand. At that time, there weren't any fridges, so women had to go to the market every day to

buy fresh food.

In the 20th century, the invention of electricity transformed housework. People started using vacuum cleaners, washing machines, and fridges. Most houses had running water and it became easier to keep the house clean for longer. They could buy food once a week and store it in fridges. In the 21st century, the most important thing is that a lot of men started to participate in the chores. Now it's normal to have every member of the family do parts of the housework. Dividing up the work makes housework much easier!

18th Century

1. ______ ? With water and a brush.

2. ? At a market.

3. _____? By hand.

20th Century

. ? With vacuum cleaners.

7 In washing machines.

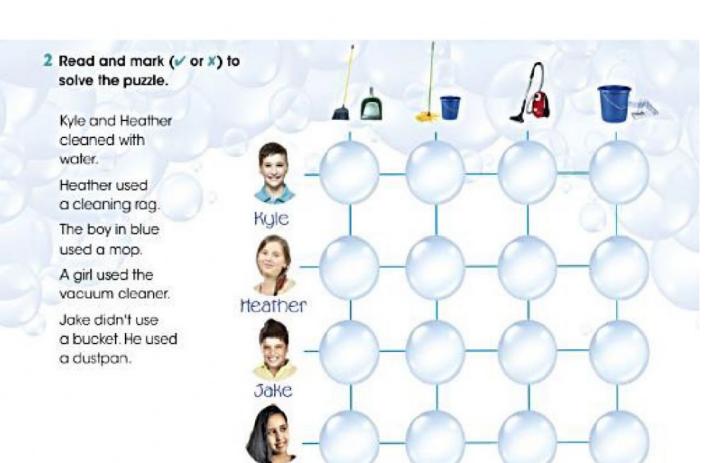
o. ? In fridges.

Talk about the differences between the 18th and 20th centuries.

Student A: In the 18th century women cleaned the floors with water and a brush.

Student B: People in the 20th century vacuumed the carpets.

Unit 8



Ask a friend to check.

Student A: Who swept the floor? Student B: What did Jake do?

3 Look and play a memory game with a friend.



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