

# Let's read!

## Chores from Long Ago

**Joseph Macgill, United States:** I have to carry wood into the house. We use the wood to make a fire. The fire keeps us warm, and we also use it to cook our food. Every summer my dad and I go to the forest and cut trees. Then we chop the trees into smaller pieces of wood. It's hard to carry wood—it's heavy!

**Sarah Donaldson, Australia:** I have to get water for my family. We have a pump outside. I move the pump handle up and down. After a minute, water comes out. The water goes into a bucket, and I carry the bucket inside. We all use the water for drinking, cooking, and bathing. When we want hot water, we put some in a pot, and heat it on the stove.

**Annabelle Dubois, France:** Every night before I go to bed, I have to wind our clock. You have to use a special key to wind the clock. If you don't wind the clock every day, it stops working. It's not a very interesting chore, but it's a very important one! Then I fill lamps with oil. We need oil in the lamps to make light. We use the lamps at night to read books and do our homework.



## • Choose the correct answer.

1.

Who carries wood into the house?



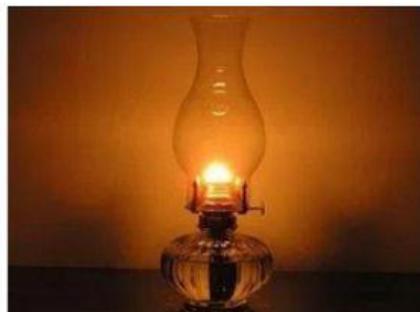
a. Sarah

b. Joseph

c. Annabelle

2.

Who fills the lamps with oil?



a. Sarah

b. Joseph

c. Annabelle

3.

Where does Sarah put the water?



a. bucket



b. pot



c. bag

4.

Annabelle has to wind the clock.



a. yes

b. no

5.

Joseph goes to the forest with his brother.



a. yes

b. no