

Household chores

1 Listen and read.

Nam: Hello, Minh.

Minh: Hi, Nam. How are you? I'm going to play football at our school sports field with a few friends this evening. Are you free to join us?

Nam: I'd love to, but I'm afraid I can't. I'm preparing dinner.

Minh: Really? Doesn't your mum cook?

Nam: Oh, yes. My mum usually does the cooking, but she's working late today.

Minh: How about your sister, Lan?
Does she help with the housework?

Nam: Yes. She often helps with the cooking.
But she can't help today. She's studying for her exams.

Minh: I see. I never do the cooking. It's my mother's job.

Nam: Really? So how do you divide the household chores in your family?

Minh: Mum is the homemaker, so she does the chores. My dad is the breadwinner; he earns money. And we, the kids, study.

Nam: Well, in my family, we divide the housework equally – Mum usually cooks and shops for groceries; Dad cleans the house and does the heavy lifting.

Minh: What about you and your sister?

Nam: My sister does the laundry. I do the washing-up and put out the rubbish. We also help with the cooking when our mum is busy.



