

Doing Chores

- 1** Which of the following words and word combinations are household chores? Put a tick (✓) or a cross (✗).

<input type="checkbox"/> wash the dishes	<input type="checkbox"/> do the laundry	<input type="checkbox"/> go cycling
<input type="checkbox"/> fix things	<input type="checkbox"/> have dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> do homework
<input type="checkbox"/> clean your teeth	<input type="checkbox"/> do the ironing	<input type="checkbox"/> vacuum
<input type="checkbox"/> do the cooking	<input type="checkbox"/> go shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> hang the washing out
<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: 45%; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> water the plants</div> <div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: 45%; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> wash hands</div>		

- 2** Read the text and complete sentences with choices (A—E).

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| A about doing chores | D we can't do anything |
| B to play music | E to stay within your time range |
| C get lost in it | |

HOW TO DO YOUR HOUSEHOLD CHORES QUICKLY AND EASILY

If you do not like household chores, you are not alone, but ____ to stop our parents from asking us to do it. So, either you hate or enjoy duties like washing-up, cooking, cleaning or shopping, here's a way to make them less boring and faster.

Make sure you have a radio, phone, an iPod, an MP3 or whatever gadget you can use ____ . This is very essential as music gives you energy. It is best to put on some lively music, however, be careful; do not ____ .

Start with the hardest ones, vacuuming or cleaning for example; you'll be less likely to complete these chores if you're already tired from doing easy ones.

Time yourself, and be sure ____ . Timing yourself makes you disciplined, keeps you determined, and makes doing chores easier.

Try not to moan or complain ____ . It won't help them get finished any faster. Doing chores is not fun but you can make it quick and more pleasant!

- 3** Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs *to make* or *to do*.

Kate doesn't like ____ housework. However, she ____ most of the cooking. Last night, she ____ a very good dinner. She also ____ a chocolate dessert. Her sister Jenny usually ____ the dishes. Jenny hates ____ the ironing, but she doesn't mind ____ the washing-up. Kate doesn't have a washing machine, so she has to go to the laundromat to ____ her laundry. Kate tries to ____ her bed every morning. When Kate has friends over, they often ____ a mess.

- 4** Match the descriptions with the household appliances.

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| 1) You wash clothes in it. It's a ____.
2) You clean with it. It's a ____.
3) You heat things very quickly in it. It's a ____.
4) You press clothes with it. It's an ____.
5) You watch movies and play games on it. It's ____.
6) You ring your friends and talk. It's a ____.
7) It cleans your dirty plates, silverware and pans. It's a ____.
8) You boil water in it. It's a ____.
9) It makes toast. It's a ____.
10) It makes food very, very cold. It's a ____.
11) It keeps your food cold. It's a ____.
12) A metal container used for cooking food in it _____. | A dishwasher
B washing machine
C kettle
D telephone
E refrigerator
F vacuum cleaner
G freezer
H microwave oven
I iron
J TV
K pan
L toaster |
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- 5** Look at the table and write about Samantha's household duties.

Samantha...	twice a day	every day	often	sometimes	rarely	never
does the shopping				✓		
cleans the carpet					✓	
feeds her dog	✓					
washes up the dishes			✓			
changes her bed		✓				