

Doing Chores

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

wash the dishes	do the laundry	go cycling
fix things	have dinner	do homework
clean your teeth	do the ironing	vacuum
do the cooking	go shopping	hang the washing out
water the plants	wash hands	

2 Read the text and complete sentences with choices (A–E).

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.

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

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			✓			
makes her bed		✓				
tidies up her room				✓		
fixes things					✓	
does the cooking			✓			
does the ironing					✓	
does the laundry				✓		

1) Samantha sometimes does the shopping.

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

8) _____

9) _____

10) _____

6 A. Match the parts of the phrasal verbs.

turn	on
washing	for
do	about a house
tidies	up
switch	up
be a helping hand	off

B. Complete the sentences with the phrasal verbs from part A.

1) Remember to _____ the gas when you leave home. 2) It got dark, so they _____ the light. 3) Johnny, can you help me with _____ the dishes? 4) What do you usually _____? 5) I _____ my mum. 6) Mark usually _____ his room in the morning.

7 Read and tick the correct answer.

1) This word refers to an identified person:
 nothing. somebody. anywhere. everywhere.
 2) This word refers to an identified thing:
 everything. somebody. nothing. anything.
 3) This word refers to an identified place:
 everywhere. someone. anywhere. nowhere.
 4) This word refers to an absence of people:
 nothing. nobody. anybody. everywhere.
 5) This word refers to an absence of things:
 nowhere. somebody. nothing. everyone.
 6) This word refers to an absence of place:
 anything. everybody. nowhere. anywhere.
 7) This word refers to all people:
 nothing. somebody. everybody. nobody.
 8) This word refers to all things:
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