

Reading part 2

Reading and Use of English | Part 2

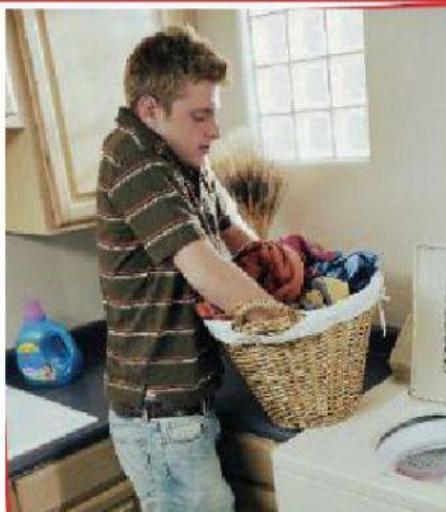
- 1 Work in pairs. You will read an article about housework. Before you read, match the verbs (1–8) with the nouns (a–h) to make phrases for common household chores.

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| 1 do | a the beds |
| 2 do | b the dinner ready |
| 3 dust | c the floor |
| 4 get | d the furniture |
| 5 hang | e the ironing |
| 6 lay | f the table |
| 7 make | g the washing out to dry |
| 8 sweep | h the washing-up |

- 3 Read the text quickly. Why do teenagers do housework?

Complete the text by writing one word in each gap. Make sure that you spell the word correctly.

Doing the chores



According to a recent study of teenagers, most of them do not do housework just (0) for pocket money. While many do household chores because they see it (1) a way of getting ready for adult life, others feel they have a duty to help their parents because it is fair, especially if their parents work.

More than two-thirds of the young people who were surveyed clean floors (2) least once a week and more than 80% regularly set the table for meals or (3) the washing-up. Girls are more likely than boys to wash (4) own clothes.

(5) are, however, a few teens who only do the housework because they are made (6) by their parents. They argue that they should (7) be expected to help out at home because in their view, their teenage years are a period which should be enjoyed (8) than interrupted with household responsibilities.