

UNIT 1: FAMILY LIFE

Reading: Sharing housework (page 9)



Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D to complete the passage

In many cultures, doing housework is considered a woman's duty. The mother is usually the homemaker, (1) _____ has to do most of the household chores, while the father is the breadwinner, who is responsible (2) _____ the family finances. However, it is not good for the mother when the rest of the family does not help out. When families share (3) _____ chores, it is good for them as individuals and good for all the (4) _____ within the family.

According to psychologists, most people do not realise the enormous benefits that come to a family when husbands (5) _____ children share the housework. Children who share the housework with their mums and dads do better at school, become more (6) _____, and have better relationships with their teachers and friends. They learn good

skills, are more responsible, and tend to be overall good people. When men share the housework, they tend (7) _____ better relationships with their wives. Women often feel happy when they see their husbands doing housework because it says, 'He cares about me and he doesn't want to put all of the housework on me.' Women whose husbands do not contribute to the household (8) _____ are more vulnerable to illness and tend to think more about divorce.

When everyone works together on household chores, it creates (9) _____ positive atmosphere for the family and sets a good (10) _____ for the children. This is especially true if mum and dad can find a way to work well together and are not critical of each other.

- Question 1:** A. whose B. who C. why D. which
Question 2: A. for B. in C. on D. with
Question 3: A. housework B. domestic C. household D. family
Question 4: A. relation B. relationships C. related D. relational
Question 5: A. so B. but C. or D. and
Question 6: A. society B. social C. sociable D. societal
Question 7: A. to have B. have C. having D. has
Question 8: A. work B. chores C. housework D. finances
Question 9: A. a B. an C. the D. no article
Question 10: A. role B. behaviour C. example D. action