

# Housework.

## Vocabulary and Sample Sentences

**scrub** (verb): clean thoroughly by rubbing hard

– You'll need to scrub really hard to remove that stain from the table.

**dust** (verb): to remove small pieces of dirt

– Please dust all the furniture in the front room.

**baseboards** (noun): a piece of wood or molding attached along the bottom of a wall where it touches the floor; also called “skirting board” in Britain and Australia

– We need to remove the baseboards to put down new tile on the floor.

**sweep** (verb): to clean a floor by using a broom or brush to collect dirt

– Be sure to sweep the floor before you mop it.

**rake** (verb): to gather with a garden tool with a row of plastic or metal teeth at the head

– I spent all yesterday raking the leaves in my backyard.

**Indicator:** The student recognizes specific information from audios about house chores/housework by choosing the correct option.

**1. What does the boy want to do at the beginning of the conversation?**

- A. watch TV
- B. go play outside
- C. play video games

**2. What is one thing the boy is NOT assigned to do around the house?**

- A. wash the walls
- B. clean the garage
- C. vacuum the floors

**3. What does the boy have to do in his bedroom?**

- A. pick up his dirty clothes
- B. put away his books
- C. make his bed

**4. What is the father going to do while the boy is doing his household chores?**

- A. wash the car
- B. paint the house
- C. work in the yard

5. The father and son will go \_\_\_\_\_ after the boy finishes his work.

- A. out to eat
- B. to a movie
- C. to a ball game

## PART B. VOCABULARY.

### split the duties

When we 'split the duties' we share the work with others. Notice the samples.

1. I split the household duties with my sister.
2. Let's split the duties. I'll cook and you clean, OK?

### the bread winner

'The bread winner' is the person who makes money to support the family. Notice the following.

1. Being the bread winner carries a lot of responsibility.
2. Who's the bread winner in your family?

Listen and choose the correct answer about the interview.

1) She says the culture \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) has not changed much
- b) needs to be changed
- c) has been changing

2) In the city, wives are expected \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) to do a lot.
- b) not to do as much
- c) to be the breadwinner

3) Buddhi \_\_\_\_\_ to have a helper.

- a) does not want
- b) would like
- c) has

4) Buddhi \_\_\_\_\_ will have a career.

- a) definitely
- b) probably
- c) unlikely

5) Buddhi thinks most young people \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) want to stay at home
- b) thinks like she does.
- c) feels differently