

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