

## Housekeeping

Traditionally, household chores have been done by women. Mothers have been staying at home, for centuries, making the beds, dusting the furniture, doing the washing, going shopping, cooking, etc. They have always complained that their work was very badly paid, in fact, it was not paid at all. Then, after the Second World War, women started to go out to work for two reasons; first of all, because they didn't want to stay at home looking after children any more, doing the same boring jobs day after day; secondly, because the salary earned by the husbands was not enough to keep a family, or at least not with the high standard of living that people had got used to. If people wanted to have a house, a car, a fridge, a washing machine, TV set, etc., obviously a high income was needed. Curiously enough, it sometimes happens that the husband is unemployed and has to stay at home looking after the children while his wife goes to work, and so the situation is reversed.