

E. Do you know where the idea for the dishwasher (come)  
from? In the 1880s, a woman called Josephine Cochrane  
(decide) she needed help with the dishes. Cochrane  
(be) a rich woman. She (have) many parties at her  
house and there were always a lot of dirty dishes. Cochrane's servants  
often (break) her expensive dishes so  
she (decide) to invent a machine to do the job. Today  
dishwashers (be) common in many homes, but in my  
family we (wash) our dishes by hand. My sisters and I  
(not like) doing the dishes, but my parents say they  
never (buy) a dishwasher.