Why should / shouldn't children do housework?

1. Below are reasons why children should or shouldn't do housework. Put them in the correct column.

Should	Shouldn't
Doing housework helps them develop life skills.	

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Doing housework teaches them to take responsibilities.

Kids should be given plenty of playtime when they are young.

They may break or damage things when doing housework.

Doing housework helps strengthen family bond.

They need more time to study and do homework.

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More reasons for children

to do housework	not to do housework

Children won't have time to do their homework or take part in after-school activities.

Most chores are not really for children and can be dangerous.

Chores teach children how to manage time.

Completing chores can make children more confident.

It's an important way to teach kids to take care of their belongings.

2. Complete the conversation between Anna, Nam, and Minh using some ideas from 1. Then listen to the conversation and check your answer.

Anna: Nam, why do you think children should do housework?

Nam: Because (1) _____.

Anna: It's true. Life skills such as cooking, cleaning or taking care of others are really necessary for kids when they grow up.

Nam: Yes, we should all have these basic life skills to be adults.

Anna: Now Minh, why do you think children shouldn't do housework?

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Minh: I think kids are kids. (2) _____.

Nam: I don't agree with you. I'm afraid too much playtime isn't good for children.

Anna: Well, thank you both for sharing your ideas. They are very useful for my project.

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