

LISTENING – FILL IN THE GAPS

Topic: Sharing the Housework: Whose Job Is It?

Listen and complete the summary with **ONE** word or phrase for each gap.

Household chores are an important part of everyday life. They include doing the shopping, cooking, doing the laundry and cleaning the house. However, there is a serious question about who is expected to do most of this **(1)** _____.

According to research by UN Women and the ILO, women do much more **(2)** _____ **care and domestic work** than men. In some traditional societies, housework is still mainly seen as a woman's **(3)** _____. This can leave women with less time to rest, study or develop their **(4)** _____.

However, attitudes are changing, especially in many **(5)** _____ **countries**, where men are doing more housework than in the past. A fair division of labour does not mean that everyone has to do exactly 50 percent of every task. Instead, family members should **(6)** _____ **their weight** and agree on a system that is fair.

Sharing housework can also benefit people's working lives. It can give women more time for education, employment and **(7)** _____ **development**. Parents can encourage children to help with household chores from an early age. Couples can also **(8)** _____ **things** according to their time and abilities.

Finally, families need to change their **(9)** _____ towards housework. Cooking, cleaning and caring for family members are important forms of work, even when they are unpaid. When everyone does their fair share, family life can become less **(10)** _____ and more equal.