

Doing Chores

- 1 Which of the following words and word combinations are household chores? Put a tick (✓) or a cross (✗).

☐ wash the dishes	☐ do the laundry	☐ go cycling
☐ fix things	☐ have dinner	☐ do homework
☐ clean your teeth	☐ do the ironing	☐ vacuum
☐ do the cooking	☐ go shopping	☐ hang the washing out
☐ water the plants		☐ wash hands

- 2 Read the text and complete sentences with choices (A–E).

- A about doing chores
B to play music
C get lost in it
D we can't do anything
E to stay within your time range

HOW TO DO YOUR HOUSEHOLD CHORES QUICKLY AND EASILY

If you do not like household chores, you are not alone, but _____ to stop our parents from asking us to do it. So, either you hate or enjoy duties like washing-up, cooking, cleaning or shopping, here's a way to make them less boring and faster.

Make sure you have a radio, phone, an iPod, an MP3 or whatever gadget you can use _____. This is very essential as music gives you energy. It is best to put on some lively music, however, be careful; do not _____.

Start with the hardest ones, vacuuming or cleaning for example; you'll be less likely to complete these chores if you're already tired from doing easy ones.

Time yourself, and be sure _____. Timing yourself makes you disciplined, keeps you determined, and makes doing chores easier.

Try not to moan or complain _____. It won't help them get finished any faster. Doing chores is not fun but you can make it quick and more pleasant!

- 3 Fill in the gaps with the **correct form** of the verbs to **make** or to **do**.

Kate doesn't like _____ housework. However, she _____ most of the cooking. Last night, she _____ a very good dinner. She also _____ a chocolate dessert. Her sister Jenny usually _____ the dishes. Jenny hates _____ the ironing, but she doesn't mind _____ the washing-up. Kate doesn't have a washing machine, so she has to go to the laundromat to _____ her laundry. Kate tries to _____ her bed every morning. When Kate has friends over, they often _____ a mess.

- 4 Match the descriptions with the household appliances.

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| <p>1) You wash clothes in it. It's a _____.
2) You clean with it. It's a _____.
3) You heat things very quickly in it. It's a _____.
4) You press clothes with it. It's an _____.
5) You watch movies and play games on it. It's _____.
6) You ring your friends and talk. It's a _____.
7) It cleans your dirty plates, silverware and pans. It's a _____.
8) You boil water in it. It's a _____.
9) It makes toast. It's a _____.
10) It makes food very, very cold. It's a _____.
11) It keeps your food cold. It's a _____.
12) A metal container used for cooking food in it _____.
 </p> | <p>A dishwasher
B washing machine
C kettle
D telephone
E refrigerator
F vacuum cleaner
G freezer
H microwave oven
I iron
J TV
K pan
L toaster
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- 5 Look at the table and write about Samantha's household duties.

Samantha...	twice a day	every day	often	sometimes	rarely	never
does the shopping				✓		
cleans the carpet					✓	
feeds her dog	✓					
washes up the dishes			✓			
makes her bed		✓				
tidies up her room				✓		
fixes things						✓
does the cooking			✓			
does the ironing					✓	
does the laundry				✓		

- 1) *Samantha sometimes does the shopping.*
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____
5) _____
6) _____
7) _____
8) _____
9) _____
10) _____

- 6 A. Match the parts of the phrasal verbs.

turn	on
washing	for
do	about a house
tidies	up
switch	up
be a helping hand	off

- B. Complete the sentences with the phrasal verbs from part A.

- 1) Remember to _____ the gas when you leave home. 2) It got dark, so they _____ the light. 3) Johnny, can you help me with _____ the dishes? 4) What do you usually _____? 5) I _____ my mum. 6) Mark usually _____ his room in the morning.

- 7 Read and tick the correct answer.

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| 1) This word refers to an identified person:
nothing. somebody. | anywhere. | everywhere. |
| 2) This word refers to an identified thing:
everything. somebody. | nothing. | anything. |
| 3) This word refers to an identified place:
everywhere. someone. | anywhere. | nowhere. |
| 4) This word refers to an absence of people:
nothing. nobody. | anybody. | everywhere. |
| 5) This word refers to an absence of things:
nowhere. somebody. | nothing. | everyone. |
| 6) This word refers to an absence of place:
anything. everybody. | nowhere. | anywhere. |
| 7) This word refers to all people:
nothing. somebody. | everybody. | nobody. |
| 8) This word refers to all things:
everything. somebody. | anything. | everywhere. |
| 9) This word refers to all places:
nothing. nowhere. | anywhere. | everywhere. |