

Unit 1

Family life

This unit includes:

LANGUAGE

Pronunciation

/br/, /kr/, and /tr/

Vocabulary

Words and phrases related to family life

Grammar

Present simple vs. present continuous

SKILLS

Reading: Reading for specific information in a text about the benefits of doing housework for children

Speaking: Explaining why children should or shouldn't do housework

Listening: Listening for specific information in a talk show about family life

Writing: Writing about family routines

COMMUNICATION AND CULTURE / CLIL

Everyday English

Expressing opinions

Culture

Family values in the UK

PROJECT

Doing research on Family Day in Viet Nam or other countries

I GETTING STARTED

Household chores

1 Listen and read.

Nam: Hello, Minh.

Minh: Hi, Nam. How are you? I'm going to play football at our school sports field with a few friends this evening. Are you free to join us?

Nam: I'd love to, but I'm afraid I can't. I'm preparing dinner.

Minh: Really? Doesn't your mum cook?

Nam: Oh, yes. My mum usually does the cooking, but she's working late today.

Minh: How about your sister, Lan? Does she help with the housework?

Nam: Yes. She often helps with the cooking. But she can't help today. She's studying for her exams.

Minh: I see. I never do the cooking. It's my mother's job.

Nam: Really? So how do you divide the household chores in your family?

Minh: Mum is the homemaker, so she does the chores. My dad is the breadwinner; he earns money. And we, the kids, study.

Nam: Well, in my family, we divide the housework equally – Mum usually cooks and shops for groceries; Dad cleans the house and does the heavy lifting.

Minh: What about you and your sister?

Nam: My sister does the laundry. I do the washing-up and put out the rubbish. We also help with the cooking when our mum is busy.

Minh: That sounds fair! Anyway, I have to go now. See you later.

Nam: Bye. Have fun.



2 Read the conversation again and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

	T	F
1. Nam's mother is cooking now.		
2. Everybody in Nam's family does some of the housework.		
3. The children in Minh's family don't have to do any housework.		

3 Write the verbs or phrasal verbs that are used with the nouns or noun phrases in the conversation in 1.

	Verbs / Phrasal verbs	Nouns / Noun phrases
1.	put out	the rubbish
2.		the laundry
3.		groceries
4.		the heavy lifting
5.		the washing-up

4 Complete the sentences from the conversation with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

1. I'd love to, but I'm afraid I can't.
I (prepare) _____ dinner.
2. My mum usually (do) _____ the cooking, but she (work) _____ late today.



II LANGUAGE

Pronunciation

/br/, /kr/, and /tr/

1  Listen and repeat. Pay attention to the consonant blends /br/, /kr/, and /tr/.

/br/	/kr/	/tr/
breadwinner	crash	track
breakfast	crane	tree
brown	cream	train

2  Listen to the sentences and circle the words you hear.

1. a. brush b. crash c. trash
2. a. brain b. crane c. train
3. a. bread b. create c. tread