

Helping

1 Match 1–8 to A–H.

- 1 Dinner is almost ready – can you ____
- 2 It's Ella's birthday and her brother is ____
- 3 If you want to help, you can use this cloth to ____
- 4 After she's finished the washing, I always ____
- 5 Take these dirty clothes downstairs and ____
- 6 The cooker is really dirty – you need to ____
- 7 Can you take this brush and ____
- 8 Your bookcase needs cleaning – shall I ____

- A dry the dishes.
- B load the washing machine.
- C clean it.
- D dust the shelves?
- E lay the table, please?
- F sweep the floor, please?
- G decorating a cake for her.
- H iron the clothes.

2 Nina and Otto's parents are going away for the weekend. Their mum has written some instructions for them. Choose the correct alternative to complete the instructions.

You **don't have to** do all the ¹dishes / housework, but here are some jobs you can help with.

First, ²clear / empty the washing machine and put your clothes in the dryer. When they are dry, ³clean / fold your clothes and ⁴put them away / take them out.

After you finish eating, please make sure you ⁵clear / lay the table and ⁶load / wash the dishes.

Please ⁷clean / make your bed every morning as usual, and ⁸wash / tidy your bedroom.

On Sunday evening, you need to ⁹clean / take out the rubbish. And it's going to be very hot, so please don't forget to ¹⁰wash / water the plants!

Have a great weekend and we'll see you on Monday.

Love, Mum and Dad.

3 Complete the comments with the correct verb.

4 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 You **don't need to** / **need to** learn how to iron your own clothes if you want to be independent.
- 2 In some families, the kids **don't have to** / **mustn't** help with the housework.
- 3 I **must** / **mustn't** remember to water the plants or they'll die.
- 4 Most of my friends **have to** / **don't need to** make their beds and tidy their rooms – their parents ask them to.
- 5 My mum says I **don't have to** / **mustn't** message my friends until I've finished my homework.
- 6 You **don't need to** / **mustn't** use your smartphone in class.
- 7 You **don't need to** / **need to** take out the rubbish – I've already done it.

5 Match the sentences in Ex 4 (1–7) to the meanings.

- A It's necessary to do this. ____
- B It's not necessary to do this. ____
- C I think this is really important. ____
- D Don't do it! ____

6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *have to*, *must* or *need to*, and one of the verbs below. More than one answer is sometimes possible.

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- 1 A Do you want me to help with the dishes after supper?
B No, you _____ that. I can load the dishwasher myself.
- 2 My mum works late on Thursdays, so I _____ supper for me and my sister.
- 3 If you ride your bike on the road, you _____ a cycle helmet – it's dangerous not to wear one.
- 4 Your parents are worried about you – you _____ them and tell them you are OK.
- 5 It's my sister's birthday on Friday – I _____ to buy her a present.
- 6 I don't live near the school, so I _____ early if I want to be on time.
- 7 You _____ a long reply to my email – just send a text.
- 8 Your room is really messy – you _____ until you have tidied it.



Sam My brother and I always have to ¹_____ our beds before school. Our parents are always telling us to ²_____ our bedrooms, and if we don't, sometimes they get angry and shout at us to ³_____ our clothes away.



Lyra We're a big family so I sometimes help with the washing. I help to ⁴_____ the washing machine and then ⁵_____ it when the clothes are clean. Sometimes my mum asks me to help her ⁶_____ the clothes, but she always ⁷_____ them herself.



Jenny My sister and I usually help our parents at supper time. While my dad cooks, one of us ⁸_____ the table so it looks nice. Then afterwards, we both ⁹_____ the table. Then I usually ¹⁰_____ the dishes and my sister ¹¹_____ them and puts them away.



Oscar In our house, Saturday morning is when the whole family ¹²_____ the housework. I don't mind it when I have to ¹³_____ the floor or ¹⁴_____ the shelves, but the worst job is if I have to ¹⁵_____ the cooker. When we've finished, I usually ¹⁶_____ the rubbish and put it in the bin.