

Jobs around the house and Describing a home

1 PRACTISE Match verbs 1–7 to nouns A–G.

1 decorate	A shelves
2 do	B clothes / washing
3 dust	C clothes
4 fold	D the table
5 iron	E a cake
6 lay	F the plants
7 water	G housework

2 Complete the sentences with the words below.

animal skins chimneys electricity entrance frame
fresh air heating luxury outhouse roof
rug running stove tent traditional wardrobe

- 1 The _____ to the park is round the corner. This gate is closed.
- 2 I've got a small _____ by my bed so my feet don't get cold when I get up in the morning.
- 3 We need to get a new _____ for our camping trip because the old one is too small for a family of four.
- 4 Anna's clothes are still in her suitcase because there isn't any room for them in the _____.
- 5 Victor is vegetarian. That means he doesn't wear anything made from _____.
- 6 I can't watch TV because there isn't any _____.
- 7 The house didn't have a toilet inside, so we had to use an _____ at the bottom of the garden.
- 8 The _____ isn't working but we've got a wood _____ to keep us warm.
- 9 There are _____ on all the roofs of the old, _____ houses in our village.
- 10 We don't want a basic caravan. We want a _____ caravan with _____ water and electricity.
- 11 My dad built a playhouse in the garden. He put a wooden _____ up. Then he built the walls and put the _____ on.
- 12 It's OK to eat all your meals outside in the _____ in the summer but not in the winter!

3 Read the note and complete the words.

Hi Jamal,

The kitchen is in a bit of a mess. Please can you ¹t_____y and clean it before you go out today? I don't want to find a mess when I get back from work! First, please ²e_____y the d_____r. Then, after breakfast, remember to ³c_____r the table so that it's ready for dinner. Then ⁴i_____d the d_____r with your dirty dishes. If there are any that can't go in the dishwasher, please ⁵w_____h them, ⁶d_____y them and ⁷p_____t them a_____y. Could you also ⁸s_____p the floor? I noticed it was a bit dirty. And finally, please ⁹t_____e the r_____h o_____t. The bin is really full!

Thanks,

Dad

P.S. Remember to ¹⁰m_____e your bed!

4 EXTEND Read the sentences and complete the words.

- 1 You need a m_____ and a b_____ to clean the floor with soap and water.
- 2 You need a b_____m to sweep the floor.
- 3 You need a d_____r to dust your shelves.
- 4 You need an i_____g b_____d and an iron to do the ironing.
- 5 You need a t_____e d_____r to dry your clothes quickly when it's raining outside and you can't dry them on the w_____g l_____e.
- 6 You need a v_____m c_____r to keep your carpets clean.

5 Complete the text with the words below.

basement blocks detached new build
semi-detached terraced

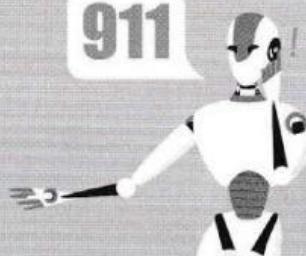
Ash

In the city, most people live in flats in apartment ¹_____. If you live on the top floor, you often have spectacular views. However, the ²_____ flat can be dark because it's under the ground floor, but if it has a garden, it can be quite sunny. Other people prefer ³_____ houses because they don't want to have neighbours that share a wall, like in ⁴_____ houses. They don't like ⁵_____ houses either because these share walls with neighbours on both sides of the house, so it can be very noisy. ⁶_____ houses are very popular because they are well built and don't have the problems old houses often have. But older, traditional houses can be very attractive. Which do you prefer?

- 6 Do a survey to find out what type of home your friends and family would like to live in. Ask them to give you their reasons. Which is the most popular? Write a short report and prepare to give a presentation to the class.

Name	Type of home	Description	Reasons
Sam	Apartment block	Big, luxury and modern	He wants to live in the city.

911



1 Read the comments on the news article about Mrs Ryu's accident in the home. Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the comments.

Comments ▾



RachelDM08

Poor Mrs Ryu! She ¹lay / **was lying** on the floor feeling very frightened when the firefighters ²arrived / **were arriving**. I can't believe the bot vacuum cleaner ³ate / **was eating** her hair. I think she felt embarrassed, too.



Ciaran2006

I like the idea of a robot doing all the housework. It could sweep the floor and take the rubbish out for me – amazing! I thought about Mrs Ryu. While the robot ⁴pulled / **was pulling** her hair, she ⁵tried / **was trying** to stop it. The robot switched off quite quickly. It wasn't so bad!



SusanYork99

Relax! Robots aren't bad. My dad designs robots – they can really help people. Yesterday, I ⁶read / **was reading** about robots helping old people in their homes. My grandma lives alone in a flat. The other day, she ⁷dusted / **was dusting** the shelves when she ⁸fell / **was falling** on a rug. She broke her toe. She needed a robot!

2 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- While they _____ (visit) Iceland, they _____ (go) inside a turf house.
- Priti _____ (burn) her hand while she _____ (make) lunch.
- You _____ (decorate) a cake when you _____ (finish) doing all the housework.
- While we _____ (put up) the tent, we _____ (find) a big hole in it.
- Julia _____ (not water) the plants while she _____ (pack) for her holiday.
- I'm fed up with Donald. He _____ (talk) while we _____ (watch) the film.
- When the electricity _____ (go off) off, I _____ (tidy) my room.
- The heating _____ (not work) when you _____ (come) home.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct past simple or past continuous forms of the verbs below. There is one extra verb which you do not need.

drop fold look for make move not listen
not take out put up sweep

- Stephen dried the dishes while you _____ the floor.
- _____ you _____ the wardrobe when you hit your head?
- Lisa _____ the rubbish because she was playing video games instead.
- We _____ when Mum told us how to use the washing machine.
- While I was looking up at the chimney, I _____ my phone.
- They _____ their tent in the garden when Mum and Dad arrived.
- It was so dark outside that I _____ the entrance to the outhouse for ages.
- Ali _____ the clothes when Soroush offered to help him do the housework.

4 Order the words to make sentences.

- and / on Sunday / ironed my clothes / took out the rubbish / I

- was tidying / Clarissa / when / her bedroom / fell over / she

- was sleeping / the robot / was cleaning the floor / the woman / while

- her hair / she / woke up / the vacuum cleaner / when / was pulling

- when / was ironing my clothes / I / my hand / I / burned

- they arrived / the cooker / we / when / were cleaning

5 Complete the mini-conversations with your own ideas. Use the past simple and the past continuous.

- A What were you doing when you burned your hand?
B I _____.
- A Did Fatima cut her finger when she _____?
B No, she didn't. She _____.
- A What housework was the boy doing when _____?
B He _____.
- A When did the accident at home happen?
B It happened while I _____.