

EVERYDAY LIFE

HOUSEWORK

Age: Teenager/Adult

Level: Elementary/Pre-intermediate (A1/A2)

Time: 45 minutes +

Activity: In this lesson, students will:

1. say how often they do household chores;
2. match household appliances and pictures.

Language focus: vocabulary related to chores and housework, adverbs of frequency

Materials: one copy of the worksheet per student

PROCEDURE

Play 'hangman' with the word *housework* (or, alternatively, play 'snowman' – e.g. adding two circles for the body and head of the snowman, then two arms, a top hat, two eyes and a sad face).

Brainstorm different chores that are included in housework, then hand out copies of the worksheet. Ask students to look at exercise 1. Students compare their list of chores with the one here. Check they understand the meaning of all the chores listed.

Ask students how often they do these chores – *always*, *sometimes*, *hardly ever* or *never*? Students should tick the options that are true for them next to each job on the list, then calculate their score and read the verdict. As an alternative, students could work in pairs and interview each other.

Key:

students' own answers

Discuss with students who usually does housework in their country – men, women or both? Then ask students what they need in order to clean, wash clothes, etc. Brainstorm some household appliances.

Students should now look at exercise 2 and match the words to the pictures. Check answers as a class.

Key:

1. e
2. b
3. f
4. g
5. a
6. d
7. c

Finally, ask students to think of other things they need in order to do the listed chores. If they don't know the words in English, you could ask them to mime the action and see if other students can help.

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EXERCISE 1: ALWAYS, SOMETIMES, HARDLY EVER, NEVER



Who does the housework in your home? In many homes, women do much more housework than men. A recent American study found that 43 per cent of women said they did all the housework in their household. But only 1 per cent of men said the same thing. Do you like housework? Many people usually like some housework tasks more than others.

Look at the common housework tasks below. How often do you do these tasks – *always*, *sometimes*, *hardly ever* or *never*? Tick the boxes (✓) and then check the verdict.

	Always	Sometimes	Hardly ever	Never
Shopping for food				
Taking out the rubbish / garbage				
Washing the dishes				
Making the bed				
Cleaning the bathroom				
Cleaning your room				
Vacuuming / hoovering				
Sweeping the floor				
Dusting				
Cleaning the refrigerator				
Washing the clothes				
Doing the ironing				
Putting away the clean clothes				

Verdict

If you mostly ticked 'always':

Housework champion! You do almost all of the work in your home. Unless you live alone, maybe it's time to ask for some help?

If you mostly ticked 'sometimes':

You do part of the housework. This is good if somebody else is helping you. If you are the only person who does housework, however, it's time to clean up a little bit more!

If you mostly ticked 'hardly ever':

You do very little housework. Maybe you should think about taking some more responsibility in the house.

If you mostly ticked 'never':

Housework slob! Stop watching so much television and clean up!

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EXERCISE 2: HOW TO ...

Match the words to the pictures of things that help you do housework.

1. vacuum cleaner / Hoover

a.



2. broom

b.



3. mop

c.



4. bucket

d.



5. iron

e.



6. washing machine

f.



7. sponge

g.

