

Topic: Household chores

Language content:

Core vocabulary	household chores - daily household chores make the bed, cook, help with the cooking, lay the table, clear the table, load/empty the dishwasher, take out the garbage, clean up my room
Core structures	Mum and Dad I Do you? Yes, I do. No, I don't.
Extension vocabulary	daily and weekly chores water the plants, clean the bathroom, mop the floor, vacuum the carpet, dust the cupboard, do the laundry, clean up clean the windows, clean the toilet, go shopping, prepare breakfast (lunch, dinner), prepare a meal, take care of pets, clean the hamster cage, walk the dog, sort the laundry, wash the clothes, hang up the washing, fold the clothes, ... Frequency words: always, often, sometimes, seldom, never
Extension structures	How often do you ...? Interview your classmates about the household chores in their families – who does what?

Material	Activity
household chores – flashcards	Vocabulary acquisition – look, listen and speak
household chores – bingo	Play
household chores – worksheets	Write and speak
household chores – frequency table	Tick off your daily chores
jobs around the house – worksheet	Read and match – speak (talk about your household chores)
jobs around the house – read – cross out – (extension)	Read the sentences and cross out the wrong words
daily household chores – questionnaire – classmates (extension)	Interview your classmates

Possible “overlapping“ (extension):

Me and my family

Daily routines

Gender issues

Real books:

Hans Wilhelm: Oh, what a mess!

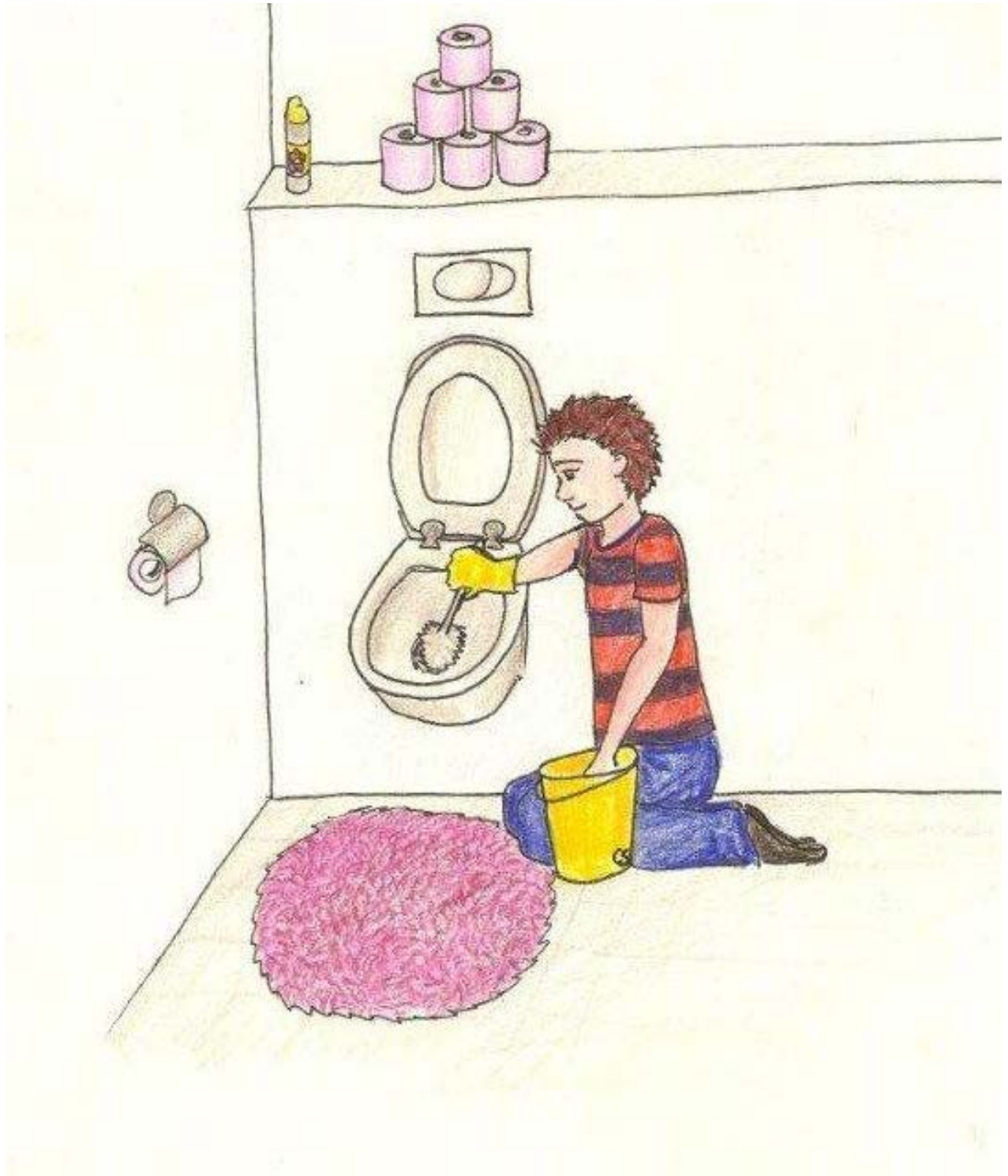
Frank Muir / Joseph Wright: What a mess!



water the flowers (plants)



clean the bathroom



clean the toilet



load / empty
the dishwasher



take out the garbage



vacuum the carpet



clean the windows



dust the cupboard



go shopping



lay the table



clear the table



do the laundry



prepare a meal
cook / help with the cooking



mop the floor



make the bed



clean up

Household chores – Bingo – Play with your friends



clean the toilet – empty / load the dishwasher – mop the floor –
vacuum the carpet – clean the windows – dust the cupboard –
go shopping – take out the garbage – clean the bathroom

Household chores – Bingo – Play with your friends



mop the floor – lay the table – clear the table –
water the flowers – clean the toilet – do the laundry –
vacuum the carpet – load / empty the dishwasher –
dust the cupboard

Household chores

WRITE and SPEAK

Hi! My name is Paul.
There is a lot to do in and around
the house! Let's start!



Mum and Dad, Paul and Paula :

*water the plants – clean the bathroom – clean the toilet – go shopping –
load the dishwasher – empty the dishwasher – clean the windows –
mop the floor – vacuum the carpet – prepare breakfast – tidy up –
prepare a meal (cook / help with the cooking) – lay the table –
clear the table – load the dishwasher – empty the dishwasher –
dust the cupboard – make the bed – take out the garbage –
do the laundry – ...*

1) Make sentences:

a) Mum and Dad water the plants. Mum and Dad clean the toilet.

Mum and Dad

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b) Paul and Paula mop the floor. Paul and Paula clean the bathroom.

Paul and Paula

Paul and Paula

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Paul and Paula empty the dishwasher.



Mum and Paula clean the bathroom.



Dad and Paul lay the table.

c) Make more sentences about Mum and Paula, Mum and Dad, Paul and Paula, Dad and Paula, write into your exercise book!

3) Talk about your household chores:

I make the bed.
And you?

I vacuum the
carpet. What about
you?

I prepare breakfast
and I clear the
breakfast table.

Wow! Super!
I mop the
floor.

4) Who does what in your home?

All family members help to keep the home nice and clean.

Make sentences like that in your exercise book.

I clean the bathroom. I clean up my room. I help with the cooking. I ...

Write about your family, too. E.g.:

My father waters the flowers. My father cleans the toilet. ...

My brother vacuums the carpet. My brother makes the bed. ...

My sister dusts the cupboard. My sister takes out the garbage. ...

My mother goes shopping. ...

We clean up. We set the table. We go shopping.



Hi! I'm Paula!
I often go shopping with my father.
Who goes shopping in your family?

Jobs around the house

READ and MATCH SPEAK

Talk about your chores:

I like to - that's my favourite household chore.

I seldom
but I always

I often
But I never

Match verbs and nouns!			household chores	
	verbs	nouns		
1	prepare	snow		
2	hang up	the beds		
3	vacuum	the floor		
4	water	the garbage		
5	make	the dishwasher		
6	sweep and mop	breakfast	1	
7	take out	the furniture		
8	load	the washing		
9	lay / clear	the bathroom		
10	dust	shopping		
11	clean	the dog		
12	go	the car		
13	walk	the table		
14	shovel	the carpet		
15	wash	the flowers		

Talk about your household chores. How often do you?

I ... (always – often – sometimes – seldom – never)

always
100 %

often
75 %

sometimes
50 %

seldom
25 %

never
0 %



I often clean the toilet. I always take out the garbage. We often clear the table.

Vocabulary “Household chores”

German	English
household chores	Haushaltspflichten
to prepare breakfast	das Frühstück zubereiten
to hang up the washing	die Wäsche aufhängen
to vacuum the carpet	den Teppich saugen
to water the flowers	die Blumen gießen
to make the beds	die Betten machen
to sweep and mop the floor	den Boden kehren und (auf)wischen
to take out the garbage	den Müll rausbringen
to load the dishwasher	den Geschirrspüler einräumen
to lay / clear the table	den Tisch decken
to dust the furniture	die Möbel abstauben
to clean the bathroom	das Badezimmer putzen
to go shopping	einkaufen gehen
to walk the dog	den Hund Gassi führen
to shovel snow	den Schnee schaufeln
to wash the car	das Auto waschen
always	immer
often	oft
sometimes	manchmal
seldom	selten
never	nie



Daily household chores – interview your classmates

Name:

Fill in the questionnaire: **How often** do you help with the following household chores?

WHO? classmates	HOW OFTEN? frequency	DOES WHAT? household chores			
Name	always (100 %) usually (80 %) often (60 %) sometimes (40%) seldom (20 %) never (0 %)	clean up the rooms - clean up the ... (bathroom, kitchen, ...) - vacuum the carpets / mop the floor - dust the furniture - take out the garbage - clean the windows	in the kitchen - help with the cooking, cook - wash the dishes - load /empty the dishwasher - lay the table / clear the table - do the shopping	pets - clean the hamster cage / mouse cage, ... - feed the hamster - walk the dog
<i>Michael</i>	<i>often</i>	<i>"I clean up and take out the garbage."</i>	<i>"I clear the table and load the dishwasher."</i>	<i>"I clean the hamster cage."</i>	<i>"I help my little siblings."</i>

How often do you mop the floor?

I often wash the dishes.
I often clean the bathroom.
I never mop the floor.
I always clean up my room.

How often do you help your father / mother with the house chores?

Tick off all your “done jobs” and be proud of it!



House chore		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
breakfast  lunch  dinner 	prepare breakfast							
	help in the kitchen (lunch or dinner)							
	set the table / clear off the table							
	wash the dishes							
rubbish	separate waste – take out the rubbish							
rooms   	tidy my room							
	tidy the living room							
	tidy the kitchen							
	clean the bathroom							
	clean the toilet							
do the laundry 	sort the laundry							
	load the washing machine							
	hang up the washing							
	fold the clothes							
pets	take care of pets							
.....							

Jobs around the house

READ and CROSS out

Read the sentences – cross out the wrong words:

1. Mum cleans the car / flowers.
2. Dad prepares a good lunch / carpet.
3. My sister likes to make the beds / dishwasher.
4. I often clear the table / hamster cage and then I load / feed the dishwasher.
5. Can you please water the plants / cupboard?
6. My brother often vacuums the dog / carpets.
7. My father is a good homekeeper, he can cook good meals / tables and he goes shopping / skiing very often.
8. “Paul, please hang up the beds / washing!”
9. “Paula, please walk the dog / hamster!”
10. In winter we like to shovel the floor / snow.



I make my bed / hamster cage.



Paul and his father lay the table / bed. Paula takes out the hamster / garbage.

Extra tasks:

- a) Read the correct sentences.
- b) Copy the sentences into your exercise-book.
- c) Make your own “right or wrong”- sentences.