

Lesson 19

Housework

Look at these pictures. Say something about them.



Anita has a lot of housework to do.

Every week Anita does housework. She does housework on Tuesday. There are many different things to do. These things are called household chores. Anita has many chores to do every Tuesday.

First, she does the laundry. She puts the dirty clothes into the washing machine. She puts some detergent into the machine and then she turns it on. After the clothes are washed, she puts them in the clothes-dryer to dry. After they are dry, she takes the clothes out and folds them.

Next, she vacuums the living room carpet. She uses a vacuum cleaner. After Anita vacuums the carpet, she sweeps and mops the kitchen floor. Next, she sweeps the floor with a broom. Then, she gets a bucket of water and soap. She uses a mop to mop the floor with the soapy water.

Next, Anita wipes the tables. She wipes the table in the dining room. Then, she wipes the coffee table in the living room. She also wipes the counter top in the kitchen. After she wipes the tables, she wipes the windows. She uses a cloth to wipe the tables and the windows.

Next, she cleans the bathroom. She cleans the shower, the toilet, and the sink. Then, she wipes the mirror and cleans the floor. After this, Anita tidies up her bedroom. Her children clean their own rooms, so she doesn't need to.

Finally, Anita waters the plants. She likes plants and her plants all look very healthy. She knows how to take care of her plants as well as her house.

Dialogue: Anita is talking on the telephone to her friend Maria.

Maria: *Hello Anita. This is Maria.*

Anita: *Hi Maria. How are you?*

Maria: *Fine, thanks. What are you doing today?*

Anita: *Well, today is Tuesday, so it's house-cleaning day.*

Maria: *What do you have to do?*

Anita: *Well, this morning I'm going to do the laundry, then I'm going to vacuum the carpet, sweep and mop the floor, and wipe the tables and windows.*

Maria: *That is a lot of chores.*

Anita: *That's only the morning. After lunch I'm going to clean the bathroom, tidy the bedroom, and then water the plants.*

Maria: *It sounds like you're going to have a busy day.*

Anita: *Tuesdays are always busy days for me. What are you doing today?*

Maria: *Today, I am going to school. I have a report that is due on Friday.*

Anita: *It sounds like you are busy as well*

Maria: *That's right. I guess we are both busy doing different things.*

Anita: *Well, thanks for calling Maria.*

Maria: *Bye Anita. Try not to work too hard.*

Anita: *I'll try. Good-bye Maria.*

Questions:

1. When does Anita do housework?
2. What is another word for housework?
3. What does Anita do first?
4. Does she do laundry by hand?
5. How does she dry the clothes?
6. What does she do after the clothes are dry?
7. What does she do next?
8. What does she use?
9. What does she use to wipe the tables and windows?
10. What does she clean in the bathroom?
11. What does she do next?
12. Does she tidy her children's rooms? Why?
13. What does she do last?
14. How do her plants look? Why?
15. Who calls Anita?
16. Is Maria busy? What does she have to do?
17. What does she tell Anita?



Activity: Household Chores

Make a list of household chores for your family. Write down who should do which chores. Try to include chores for all your family members, including yourself. Also write down when the chores should be done.

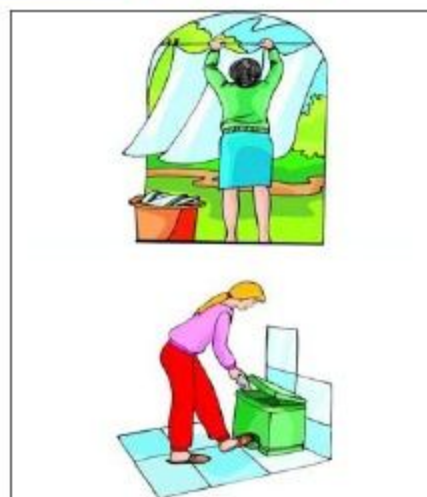
Chore	Who should do it	When should they do it

Ask your classmate: *Who usually _____ at your house?*

Classmate answers: _____ *usually* _____ *at my house.*

1. Does the laundry.
2. Vacuums the carpet.
3. Sweeps the floor.
4. Mops the floor.
5. Wipes the tables.
6. Wipes the windows.
7. Cleans the bathroom.
8. Tidies the bedrooms.
9. Waters the plants.

10. _____



Discussion Questions:

1. Who does most of the chores in your house?
2. Do you do any chores? Which ones do you do?
3. Which chores do you not like to do? Why not?
4. Who takes out the garbage in your house?
5. How can you make less garbage?
6. Does your family recycle anything? What do you recycle?
7. Who does the laundry in your family? How often?
8. Do you have a clothes-dryer? How do you dry clothes?
9. Does your house have any plants? Who takes care of them?
10. Is it a good idea for all family members to do chores? Why?
11. Should housewives get paid? Why? How much should they get paid?
12. Would you like to have a housekeeper to clean your house? Why?
13. Is your bedroom tidy or messy?
14. Is your living room tidy or messy?
15. Is your house tidy or messy?
16. Do you have a vacuum cleaner in your house?
17. Does your house have carpets? Why?
18. What kind of floors do you have in your house?
19. How many bathrooms are in your house? Who usually cleans them?
20. How many bedrooms are in your house? Who tidies them?

Grammar Focus: Fill in the blanks.

What does Anita do?

1. First Anita _____ the laundry.
2. Then she _____ the carpet.
3. Then she _____ the floor.
4. Then she _____ the floor.
5. Then she _____ the tables.
6. Then she _____ the windows.
7. Then she _____ the bathroom.
8. Then she _____ the bedroom.
9. Then she _____ the plants.

