

Verbs Associated with Housework

Teacher's Notes

Description: Tidying up the kitchen, washing the mountain of dishes growing in the sink, folding and putting away the clothes... What glorious domestic tasks await you when *you* get home on an evening? Whilst most of us would be happy to do away with these tedious jobs altogether, we certainly enjoy complaining about them, and no doubt our students do too! However, for many an English learner, mastering the plethora of verbs related to them can often prove to be the greatest *chore* of all! The exercises in this resource help to familiarize students with some common Verbs Associated with Housework, offering them fun and varied practice both alone and with a partner.

Aim: To practise Verbs Associated with Housework through a series of written and communicative exercises.

Procedure: Give each student a copy of the two-page activity sheet.

Exercise A: Students begin by circling the correct phrasal verb in each sentence.

answer key:

1. b 2. c 3. a 4. b 5. b 6. a 7. b

Exercise B: Next, students match the phrasal verbs from the previous exercise with the correct definitions.

answer key:

1. throw away 2. hang up 3. take out 4. wash up
5. put away 6. sweep up 7. tidy up

Exercise C: After this, students complete the list of jobs Gary has to do using the verbs provided.

answer key:

1. iron 2. make 3. fold 4. make 5. unload
6. set 7. dust 8. wipe 9. mop 10. vacuum

Exercise D: Students then complete the sentences using verbs and phrasal verbs from the previous page (in the correct form) plus one of the words provided.

answer key:

1. hang up, suit 6. washes up, plates
2. hand, ironing 7. tidy up, play
3. take out, bags 8. sticky, wiping
4. slippery, mopped 9. throw away, rabbit
5. borrowed, sweep up 10. putting away, table

Exercise E: i) Next, students complete the 'would you rather' questions, choosing from the verbs provided, and discuss them with a partner.

answer key:

1. sweep, mop 2. set, wipe 3. unload, wash
4. iron, hang, fold, put 5. tidy, vacuum

ii) Lastly, students make a list of chores they dislike most and would get a robot do for them if they could. They then chat with their partner and compare their lists.