

The Quick-Fire Write Video Transcript: Household Chores



First, watch the Quick-Fire Write video on this topic.

It takes a lot of work to keep a family home in order. There's shopping and cooking, cleaning and vacuuming, washing and ironing — the list goes on! These jobs are called household chores.

Do you help around the house? Maybe you make your bed, help take out the rubbish or clear the table after a family meal? A recent survey of UK families revealed that a whopping 76% of the nation's parents say their kids have no cleaning responsibilities.

That means more than three quarters of British children don't help out around the house at all. In the past, children were given much more responsibility for household chores than they are now. Your grandparents or mum and dad may have been asked to go food shopping or make dinner on their own, and even help to fix the family car!

So do we do things correctly today? Or should children like you do more chores?

Household chores might feel boring, but people say it makes children happier as they grow up. Children feel proud when they complete their chores and help their family. Chores also teach children responsibility and time-management — two really important lessons as you grow up.

Some household chores, like vacuuming, mopping and cleaning surfaces, increase your heart rate, too. That means chores are also good exercise, without you even realising it! You may even earn some pocket money, if you're lucky!

When children help with chores, it's good for their parents as well. The adults in the house don't have to do all of the housework themselves. This means the family has more time to spend together, having fun.

But some people see it differently. They say children already have very busy days filled with school, homework, and after school activities. Doing chores would just be too much.

They say that children should be allowed to be children. And housework is the job of adults.

Now, write a paragraph on each of these questions.

1. Should children help with the household chores?
2. What household chores would you enjoy doing, and why?
3. What household chores would be your least favourite, and why?
4. If you could choose between homework and household chores, what would you choose, and why?

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