

4C | Do the housework!

VOCABULARY: verb collocations (housework)

1 Match the pictures A–F to the phrases in the box. There are four extra phrases.

do the shopping set the table do the dishes wash the clothes
do the ironing make the bed clean the bathroom
water the plants take out the rubbish make dinner

2 Work in pairs. Which activities in exercise 1 do you do at home? Which activities don't you do at home?

LISTENING

1 You are going to hear part of a radio show phone-in. Look at the newspaper headline. What is the number? Guess with a partner.

___ % of men don't do the housework, new survey says

- 2 1.64 Listen to the radio show and check your answer to exercise 1. Tick (✓) the phrases from Vocabulary exercise 1 you hear.
- 3 1.64 Who does it? Listen again and tick (✓) the correct column.

Name	Ralph	Ralph's mother	Tom	Tom's wife
does the shopping once a week				
is always on the phone				
always does all the housework				

GRAMMAR: frequency adverbs & phrases

There are two ways to talk about how often we do things:
Use frequency adverbs.

How **often** do you do the housework?

I **often** do the dishes.

He's **always** on the phone.

always often usually sometimes hardly ever/rarely never

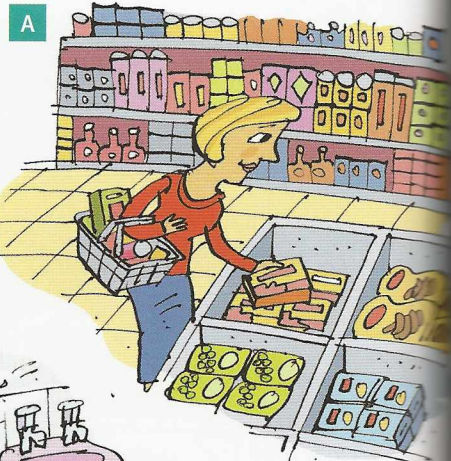
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Use phrases like *every day/month/year*, *once a week/month/year*.

I make the bed **every morning**.

Once a year, he washes the clothes.

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1  **1.65** Read and listen to the sentences, then use the words in brackets to answer.

- You never do the dishes.
That's not true. *I often do the dishes!*
(often)
 - You don't clean the bathroom.
That's not true. _____ (always)
 - You're always in front of the television.
That's not true. _____ (hardly ever)
 - I always wash your clothes.
That's not true. _____ (often)
 - This flat's always dirty.
That's not true. _____ (rarely)
 - You're usually on the telephone.
That's not true. _____ (sometimes)
- 2 Put an adverb of frequency in the sentence so that it's true for you. Then write two more similar sentences.

- I am late for English class.
- I work on Saturdays.
- I watch English films.
- I have coffee in the morning.
- I go to bed before 10.00 pm.
- I am tired in the morning.

3 Rewrite the sentences with one of the phrases.

twice a week once a year every day
three times a year once a week


- I read the newspaper on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.
- I go on holiday in August.
- On Saturdays and Sundays, I have a nap in the afternoon.
- I see my grandparents at Christmas, at Easter and on my birthday.
- I do the shopping on Saturdays.

4 Choose two sentences from exercise 2 and two sentences from exercise 3. Make questions with *How often*.

How often do you watch English films?

5 Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions.


PRONUNCIATION: vowels 2

1  **1.66** Listen and repeat the sounds and the words.

/aɪ/	/aʊ/	/u:/	/ʌ/
hi	house	room	up

2 Which word sounds different? Underline the different word.


1	time	hi	drink	wife
2	house	aunt	brown	now
3	son	bread	bus	some
4	blue	new	June	good

3  **1.67** Listen to the recording to check your answers. Say the words.

SPEAKING

- Work in groups of three or four. Do the *Life and work at home* survey. Make questions with *How often ...?* Ask and answer the questions. Make notes of the answers.
- Compare your survey results with other groups in the class.

Life and work at home



In the living room:
/watch television?
/clean the living room?

In the bedroom:
/get up late?
/make the bed?

In the dining room:
/have dinner at home?
/clean the dining room?

In the kitchen:
/eat in the kitchen?
/take out the rubbish?

In the bathroom:
/read in the bathroom?
/clean the bathroom?