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## Level 3

# Babies make husbands lazier

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150513-laziness.html>

New research suggests that husbands do not do their fair share of work around the house. A study from the Ohio State University says that men who do an equal share of housework are a rare breed. Researchers looked at the lifestyles of 182 working couples who became first-time parents. Both partners worked roughly the same amount of hours in full-time jobs. The research team found that men did less housework after the baby was born, even though both mothers and fathers worked the same number of hours outside the home. During the first few weeks of parenthood, fathers did an average of five hours a week less housework, although they spent this time helping to look after the baby.

It is a different story for mothers. Becoming a parent added about 21 hours per week to the amount of work she did, even with her full-time job. Most of their extra work was spent looking after her baby. The researchers explained why new fathers did not keep up with the extra work after a child was born. They said that most men were simply unaware that the mother was doing so much more work. Another reason is that after a baby is born, fathers tend to follow what happened in their own homes when they were younger. They automatically accept and follow the 'traditional' roles of the mother looking after the baby and the father working, even though the mother is also working the same number of hours in her job.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. LAZINESS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about laziness. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

*research / fair share / equal / rare breed / working couples / full-time jobs / average / story / amount / extra work / unaware / younger / automatically / traditional roles*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. HOUSEWORK:** What do you think of housework? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

	Good things	Bad things	How to make it faster
Ironing			
Dusting			
Washing up			
Laundry			
Vacuuming			
Cleaning			

**4. 50-50:** Students A **strongly** believe men and women should share the housework 50-50; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. BABIES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to do at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- changing diapers
- bathing
- feeding
- burping
- going to the doctor with baby
- sleeping with baby
- carrying
- shopping with baby

**6. RARE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "rare". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150513-laziness.html>

## 1. TRUE / FALSE:

Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. Research suggests husbands do their fair share of housework.            | T / F |
| b. Researchers looked at 1,820 couples.                                    | T / F |
| c. Men in the research worked twice as many hours as their wives.          | T / F |
| d. Fathers spent an average of five hours a week looking after their baby. | T / F |
| e. A new baby adds 21 hours to a mother's weekly workload.                 | T / F |
| f. Fathers were totally aware their wife was working harder.               | T / F |
| g. Fathers followed what happened at home when they were younger.          | T / F |
| h. Fathers took on traditional roles after their baby was born.            | T / F |

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| 1. share   | a. about         |
| 2. equal   | b. additional    |
| 3. couples | c. used          |
| 4. roughly | d. quantity      |
| 5. spent   | e. partners      |
| 6. amount  | f. part          |
| 7. extra   | g. go along with |
| 8. unaware | h. identical     |
| 9. accept  | i. positions     |
| 10. roles  | j. in the dark   |

## 3. PHRASE MATCH:

(Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. do their fair share of  | a. up with the extra work |
| 2. men who do an equal     | b. breed                  |
| 3. a rare                  | c. roles                  |
| 4. roughly the same amount | d. of five hours a week   |
| 5. fathers did an average  | e. homes                  |
| 6. It is a different       | f. work around the house  |
| 7. fathers did not keep    | g. unaware                |
| 8. most men were simply    | h. of hours               |
| 9. in their own            | i. share of housework     |
| 10. traditional            | j. story for mothers      |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150513-laziness.html>

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*breed*  
*share*  
*few*  
*fair*  
*spent*  
*born*  
*average*  
*roughly*

It is a different (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for mothers. Becoming a parent added about 21 hours per week to the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of work she did, even with her full-time job. Most of their extra work was spent looking after her baby. The researchers explained why new fathers did not keep (11) \_\_\_\_\_ with the extra work after a child was born. They said that most men were (12) \_\_\_\_\_ unaware that the mother was doing so much more work. Another reason is that after a baby is born, fathers (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to follow what happened in their own homes when they were younger. They automatically (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and follow the 'traditional' (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of the mother looking after the baby and the father working, (16) \_\_\_\_\_ though the mother is also working the same number of hours in her job.

*tend*  
*story*  
*roles*  
*amount*  
*even*  
*simply*  
*accept*  
*up*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150513-laziness.html>

- 1) New research suggests that husbands do not do their fair share of work \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. about the house
  - b. around the house
  - c. amount the house
  - d. aground the house
- 2) men who do an equal share of housework \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. are a rare breed
  - b. are a rear breed
  - c. are a roar breed
  - d. are a rarely breed
- 3) Both partners worked roughly the same amount of hours \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on full-time jobs
  - b. un-full-time jobs
  - c. in a full-time jobs
  - d. in full-time jobs
- 4) both mothers and fathers worked the same number of hours \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. out side the home
  - b. outer side the home
  - c. outsider the home
  - d. outside the home
- 5) fathers did an average of five hours a week \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. least housework
  - b. less housework
  - c. lest housework
  - d. lesser housework
- 6) Becoming a parent added about 21 hours per week to the amount \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of work she does
  - b. of work she didn't
  - c. of work she do
  - d. of work she did
- 7) Most of their extra work was spent looking \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. up her baby
  - b. over her baby
  - c. after her baby
  - d. before her baby
- 8) They said that most men were simply unaware that the mother was doing \_\_\_\_\_ work
  - a. sew much more
  - b. so much more
  - c. sow much more
  - d. though much more
- 9) fathers tend to follow what happened in their own homes when \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. they were youngest
  - b. they were younger
  - c. they were youngish
  - d. they were young
- 10) They automatically accept and follow the 'traditional' \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. roles of the mother
  - b. rolls of the mother
  - c. rails of the mother
  - d. lolls of the mother

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150513-laziness.html>

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150513-laziness.html>

1. What did researchers find that husbands did not do their fair share of?

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2. Who do researchers say were a rare breed?

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3. How many couples did the researchers look at?

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4. What happened to the housework men did after a baby was born?

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5. How many hours a week on average do fathers look after their baby?

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6. How many additional hours a week do mothers do after giving birth?

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7. What were fathers unaware of after their baby was born?

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8. When do fathers follow what happened when they were younger?

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9. What roles do fathers follow?

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10. Where is the mother working the same number of hours?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150513-laziness.html>

1. What did researchers find that husbands did not do their fair share of?
  - a) equality
  - b) complaining
  - c) babysitting
  - d) housework
2. Who do researchers say were a rare breed?
  - a) men who did no housework
  - b) men who did an equal share of housework
  - c) men
  - d) men who did housework
3. How many couples did the researchers look at?
  - a) 189
  - b) 185
  - c) 182
  - d) 172
4. What happened to the housework men did after a baby was born?
  - a) it went down
  - b) it disappeared
  - c) it improved
  - d) they did ironing too
5. How many hours a week on average do fathers look after their baby?
  - a) 3
  - b) 4
  - c) 5
  - d) 6
6. How many additional hours a week do mothers do after giving birth?
  - a) 20
  - b) 21
  - c) 22
  - d) 23
7. What were fathers unaware of after their baby was born?
  - a) their job
  - b) the ironing needed doing
  - c) how to feed a baby
  - d) the mother worked harder
8. When do fathers follow what happened when they were younger?
  - a) after a baby is born
  - b) at 6pm
  - c) when they get home from work
  - d) every time
9. What roles do fathers follow?
  - a) the role of a father
  - b) role models
  - c) traditional roles
  - d) a mother's role
10. Where is the mother doing the same number of hours?
  - a) in hospital
  - b) at work
  - c) in the mornings
  - d) upstairs

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150513-laziness.html>

## **Role A – Changing diapers**

You think changing diapers is the most difficult thing to do with a baby. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so bad. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these (and why): shopping, feeding or going to the doctor.

## **Role B – Shopping with baby**

You think shopping is the most difficult thing to do with a baby. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so bad. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these (and why): changing diapers, feeding or going to the doctor.

## **Role C – Feeding**

You think feeding is the most difficult thing to do with a baby. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so bad. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these (and why): shopping, changing diapers or going to the doctor.

## **Role D – Going to the doctor with baby**

You think going to the doctor is the most difficult thing to do with a baby. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so bad. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these (and why): shopping, feeding or changing diapers.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150513-laziness.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'house' and 'work'.

<b>house</b>	<b>work</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• new</li><li>• equal</li><li>• 182</li><li>• less</li><li>• few</li><li>• five</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 21</li><li>• extra</li><li>• keep</li><li>• so</li><li>• roles</li><li>• though</li></ul>
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# LAZINESS SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150513-laziness.html>

Write five GOOD questions about laziness in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## **LAZINESS DISCUSSION**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'lazy'?
- 3) Are men or women lazier?
- 4) How lazy are you?
- 5) Is it good or bad to be lazy? Why?
- 6) Should men do an equal share of the housework?
- 7) Do you do your fair share of the housework?
- 8) Is it important that both a mother and father work?
- 9) How important is it for one parent to stay at home with the kids?
- 10) How difficult is it to look after a baby?

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## **LAZINESS DISCUSSION**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) Is it easier to be a mother than a father? Why / Why not?
- 13) Would you rather stay at home and look after the baby or go to work?
- 14) Are we becoming lazier or busier in our life?
- 15) Do you like lazy days?
- 16) What advice do you have for mothers with lazy husbands?
- 17) Should fathers take lessons on looking after babies?
- 18) Should we follow traditional mother and father roles?
- 19) What do you think of mothers going to work and fathers staying at home?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the researcher?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |            |           |              |               |
|-----|------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) fear   | (b) fair  | (c) flair    | (d) fare      |
| 2.  | (a) equals | (b) equal | (c) equality | (d) equally   |
| 3.  | (a) lair   | (b) roar  | (c) rear     | (d) rare      |
| 4.  | (a) that   | (b) who   | (c) which    | (d) when      |
| 5.  | (a) ever   | (b) even  | (c) event    | (d) evenly    |
| 6.  | (a) at     | (b) for   | (c) of       | (d) by        |
| 7.  | (a) novel  | (b) book  | (c) story    | (d) paragraph |
| 8.  | (a) on     | (b) by    | (c) with     | (d) up        |
| 9.  | (a) to     | (b) of    | (c) over     | (d) up        |
| 10. | (a) so     | (b) by    | (c) on       | (d) of        |
| 11. | (a) own    | (b) self  | (c) mine     | (d) ones      |
| 12. | (a) rolls  | (b) lolls | (c) roles    | (d) lulls     |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150513-laziness.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. men who do an eaulq share
2. loyugrh the same
3. The ecrhears team
4. men did less shrwoeoku
5. nrguDi the first few weeks
6. an agaeivr of five hours a week less

## Paragraph 2

7. It is a dreftfeni story for mothers
8. the onatmu of work she did
9. xaeideipn why new fathers did not keep up
10. men were simply anrwuae
11. They laiamloctyuta accept
12. follow the lirantitdoa roles



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150513-laziness.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( **1** ) New research suggests that husbands do not do their fair share of work around the house. A study from the
- ( ) did less housework after the baby was born, even though both mothers and fathers worked the same
- ( ) her baby. The researchers explained why new fathers did not keep up with the extra work after a child was
- ( ) after the baby and the father working, even though the mother is also working the same number of hours in her job.
- ( ) of work she did, even with her full-time job. Most of their extra work was spent looking after
- ( ) time parents. Both partners worked roughly the same amount of hours in full-time jobs. The research team found that men
- ( ) less housework, although they spent this time helping to look after the baby.
- ( ) born. They said that most men were simply unaware that the mother was doing so much more work. Another
- ( ) younger. They automatically accept and follow the 'traditional' roles of the mother looking
- ( ) breed. Researchers looked at the lifestyles of 182 working couples who became first-
- ( ) number of hours outside the home. During the first few weeks of parenthood, fathers did an average of five hours a week
- ( ) Ohio State University says that men who do an equal share of housework are a rare
- ( ) It is a different story for mothers. Becoming a parent added about 21 hours per week to the amount
- ( ) reason is that after a baby is born, fathers tend to follow what happened in their own homes when they were

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150513-laziness.html>

1. work do their of Husbands do share not fair .

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2. rare housework equal who breed are share do a of an Men .

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3. Researchers the 182 at of couples looked lifestyles working .

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4. roughly amount worked same hours partners the of Both .

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5. to look after the baby They spent this time helping .

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6. parent 21 week a about per Becoming added hours .

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7. looking baby extra spent her Their was after work .

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8. most men They were said simply that unaware .

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9. happened in their own homes Fathers tend to follow what .

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10. follow They the automatically traditional accept roles and .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150513-laziness.html>

New research suggests that husbands do not do their *fare / fair* share of work around the house. A *study / studios* from the Ohio State University says that men who do an *equal / equality* share of housework are a rare breed. Researchers looked at the lifestyles of 182 working *couple / couples* who became first-time parents. Both partners worked *rough / roughly* the same amount *of / for* hours in full-time jobs. The research team *found / find* that men did less housework *post / after* the baby was born, even though both mothers and fathers worked the same number of hours *outer / outside* the home. During the first few weeks of parenthood, fathers did an average of five hours a week *less / fewer* housework, although they spent this time helping to look after the baby.

It is a *different / difference* story for mothers. Becoming a parent added about 21 hours *par / per* week to the amount of work she did, even with her full-time job. Most of *their / there* extra work was spent looking after her baby. The researchers *explanation / explained* why new fathers did not *keeping / keep* up with the extra work after a child was born. They said that most men were simply *unaware / awareness* that the mother was doing so much *many / more* work. Another reason is that after a baby is *born / birth*, fathers tend to follow what happened in their own homes when they were younger. They automatically *acceptance / accept* and follow the 'traditional' roles of the mother looking after the baby and the father working, even *through / though* the mother is also working the same number of hours in her job.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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N\_w r\_s\_\_rch s\_gg\_sts th\_t h\_sb\_nds d\_n\_t d\_th\_\_r  
f\_\_r sh\_r\_\_f w\_rk\_r\_\_nd th\_h\_\_s\_. \_\_st\_dy fr\_m th\_  
\_h\_\_ St\_t\_\_n\_v\_rs\_ty s\_ys th\_t m\_n wh\_d\_\_n\_q\_\_l  
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l\_\_k\_d\_t th\_l\_fstyl\_s\_\_f 182 w\_rk\_ng c\_\_pl\_s wh\_  
b\_c\_m\_\_f\_rst-t\_m\_\_p\_r\_nts. B\_th p\_rtn\_rs w\_rk\_d  
r\_\_ghly th\_s\_m\_\_m\_\_nt\_\_f h\_\_rs\_n f\_ll-t\_m\_\_j\_bs.  
Th\_r\_s\_\_rch\_t\_\_m\_f\_\_nd th\_t m\_n d\_d l\_ss h\_\_s\_w\_rk  
\_ft\_r th\_b\_by w\_s b\_rn, \_v\_n th\_\_gh b\_th m\_th\_rs\_\_nd  
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f\_th\_rs d\_d\_\_n\_v\_r\_g\_\_\_\_f f\_v\_\_h\_\_rs\_\_w\_\_k l\_ss  
h\_\_s\_w\_rk, \_lth\_\_gh th\_y sp\_nt th\_s t\_m\_\_h\_lp\_ng t\_  
l\_\_k\_\_ft\_r th\_b\_by.

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wh\_t h\_pp\_n\_d\_\_n th\_\_r\_\_wn h\_m\_s wh\_n th\_y w\_r\_\_  
y\_\_ng\_r. Th\_y\_\_t\_m\_t\_c\_lly\_\_cc\_pt\_\_nd f\_ll\_w th\_  
'tr\_d\_t\_\_n\_l' r\_l\_s\_\_f th\_\_m\_th\_r l\_\_k\_ng\_\_ft\_r th\_  
b\_by\_\_nd th\_f\_th\_r w\_rk\_ng, \_v\_n th\_\_gh th\_m\_th\_r  
\_s\_\_ls\_\_w\_rk\_ng th\_s\_m\_\_n\_mb\_r\_\_f h\_\_rs\_\_n h\_r j\_b.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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it is a different story for mothers becoming a parent added about 21 hours per week to the amount of work she did even with her full-time job most of their extra work was spent looking after her baby the researchers explained why new fathers did not keep up with the extra work after a child was born they said that most men were simply unaware that the mother was doing so much more work another reason is that after a baby is born fathers tend to follow what happened in their own homes when they were younger they automatically accept and follow the 'traditional' roles of the mother looking after the baby and the father working even though the mother is also working the same number of hours in her job

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about parenthood. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. LAZINESS:** Make a poster about laziness. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. HOUSEWORK:** Write a magazine article about housework. Include imaginary interviews with people who think men and woman should always do half each, and with people who think.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on laziness. Ask him/her three questions about laziness. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b F    c F    d T    e T    f F    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| 1. share   | a. part          |
| 2. equal   | b. identical     |
| 3. couples | c. partners      |
| 4. roughly | d. about         |
| 5. spent   | e. used          |
| 6. amount  | f. quantity      |
| 7. extra   | g. additional    |
| 8. unaware | h. in the dark   |
| 9. accept  | i. go along with |
| 10. roles  | j. positions     |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Work around the house (housework)
2. Men who did an equal share of housework
3. 182
4. It went down
5. Five
6. 21
7. Their wife works harder
8. After a baby is born
9. Traditional roles
10. At work

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d    2. b    3. c    4. a    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. a    9. c    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)