

## Advice on housework with housework vocabulary collocations

Choose one of the lines below and give advice on something related to it, for example:

- how long to spend on it
- how many to buy/ have/ use
- how often to do it
- how to avoid having to do it/ use it
- how to choose one
- how to clean it
- how to do it (quickly/ efficiently/ cheaply)
- how to fix it (= mend it/ repair it)
- how to get children to do it
- how to get rid of one
- how to share the job with other people
- how to use one
- the best size
- using technology to help with it
- what to use one for
- when to do it
- where to do it
- which product to buy/ use

Discuss your advice with your partner for as long as you like, then take turns doing the same with other lines below.

### Useful phrases for reacting to advice

That's a great idea.

That's a good idea.

That might be a good idea.

I'm not sure that is such a good idea because...

### Housework to discuss

- ◇ can opener
- ◇ carpets/ rugs
- ◇ cobwebs
- ◇ coffee maker
- ◇ (gas/ electric) cooker/ stove
- ◇ corkscrew
- ◇ crockery/ dishes
- ◇ cutlery/ silverware
- ◇ dishwasher
- ◇ do the cleaning
- ◇ do the ironing

- ✧ do the shopping
- ✧ do the washing up/ do the dishes
- ✧ doing the washing/ doing the laundry
- ✧ dust/ do the dusting/ (feather) duster
- ✧ feed the pets
- ✧ floor/ (wooden) flooring
- ✧ food processor/ food mixer/ juicer
- ✧ freezer
- ✧ fridge/ refrigerator
- ✧ frying pan/ fry pan
- ✧ furniture
- ✧ gas ring/ hob
- ✧ hang up the washing/ the laundry
- ✧ Hoover/ vacuum cleaner
- ✧ iron
- ✧ ironing board
- ✧ kitchen knife
- ✧ laundry basket
- ✧ lay the table – clear the table
- ✧ make the beds
- ✧ microwave
- ✧ mop (and bucket)
- ✧ (gas/ electric) oven
- ✧ oven glove
- ✧ prepare breakfast/ lunch/ dinner/ a packed lunch/ a lunch box/ a snack
- ✧ rice cooker
- ✧ saucepan
- ✧ shopping list
- ✧ sponge
- ✧ take out the rubbish/ take out the trash/ do the recycling
- ✧ tidy up
- ✧ toaster
- ✧ walk the dog
- ✧ washing machine
- ✧ washing-up liquid/ dishwashing detergent
- ✧ water the plants/ do the gardening

*Ask about any lines you don't understand, can't think of advice for, etc, discussing useful advice together each time.*

*Do the collocations exercise below, then check above.*

*Change groups. Do the giving advice on housework activity again, but this time without the worksheets to help, or just looking at one column of the collocations activity below.*

### Housework collocations

*Without looking above, join words in the same section to make common collocations related to housework.*

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|------------------------|--|
| 1. can                 | cleaning/ shopping/ washing up/ dishes               |
| 2. cob                 | cooker/ stove/ oven                                  |
| 3. coffee              | duster   |
| 4. gas/ electric       | flooring   |
| 5. cork                | maker  |
| 6. silver              | opener   |
| 7. dish                | pets   |
| 8. do the              | screw  |
| 9. feather             | -ware  |
| 10. feed the           | washer   |
| 11. wooden             | webs   |
|                        |  |
| 12. food               | basket   |
| 13. do                 | beds   |
| 14. frying/ fry/ sauce | board  |
| 15. gas                | cleaner  |
| 16. hang               | knife  |
| 17. vacuum             | pan  |
| 18. ironing            | processor/ mixer                                     |
| 19. kitchen            | ring/ hob  |
| 20. laundry            | the table  |
| 21. lay/ clear         | the washing/ the laundry/ the dusting/ the gardening |
| 22. make the           | up the washing/ up the laundry                       |
|                        |  |
| 23. micro-             | breakfast/ lunch/ dinner/ a snack                    |
| 24. mop and            | bucket   |
| 25. oven               | cooker   |
| 26. prepare            | glove  |
| 27. packed             | liquid   |
| 28. rice               | list   |
| 29. shopping           | lunch  |
| 30. take               | machine  |
| 31. tidy               | out the rubbish/ the trash                           |
| 32. walk               | the dog  |
| 33. washing            | the plants   |
| 34. washing-up         | up   |
| 35. water              | wave   |

*Check above.*