



## Lesson 13: House Chores

### Warm-up Questions:

Who does the laundry in your home?  
Do you take your clothes to the dry cleaners?  
What other household chores do you do?

**Vocabulary(Household chores):** Rank the following chores from difficult to easy

Sweeping	Vacuuming	Washing dishes
Feeding pets	Doing laundry	Preparing meals
Cleaning bathrooms	Dusting	Folding laundry
Ironing clothes	Separating trash	Taking out the trash
Other:		

### Expressions(Making request/Giving order):

Do something.	Do the dishes./Sweep the room.
I need you to (do something).	I need you to (clean the bathroom/take out the trash).
Could you (do something)?	Could you (do the laundry/fold the clothes)?
Can you help me (do something)?	Can you help me (tidy up the room/clean the room)?

### Idioms(House):

**get your own house in order** = tidy up your own affairs before criticising other people's: "You should get your own house in order before telling me what to do!"

**be on the house** = be free (in a restaurant): "Can I get you a drink on the house?"

**everything but the kitchen sink** = take a lot of things when you go somewhere: "They took everything but the kitchen sink when they went on holiday."

**throw money down the drain** = waste money: "If you ask me, by giving your son all that money, you're really throwing money down the drain."

**have a skeleton in the cupboard / in the closet** = have an unpleasant secret: "There are a lot of skeletons in their cupboard."

Other expressions with house

**make yourself at home** = make yourself comfortable: "Make yourself at home! Can I get you a drink?"

**homesick** = when you miss your home: "He went away for two weeks, but was terribly homesick."

### Discussion Questions:

1. Who does the chores at your home? Who decides it?
2. How can you make guests feel at home when they visit your house?
3. What's the one house chore you really hate? How often do you do it?
4. Have you ever thrown money down the drain?
5. If you could have only one, which one would you choose: a dishwasher, a washing machine or a TV?
6. Is it a good idea to pay kids for doing chores? What could be the reasons?
7. Which one do you prefer: ironing the clothes or vacuuming the house?
8. How many hours a week do you spend on house chores?