

SCENARIO

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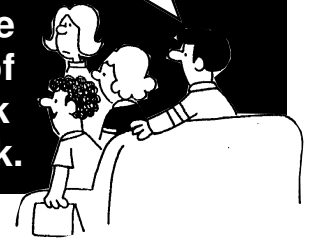
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Simple Present Statements— with Frequency Adverbs

Four friends are in front of a TV set. The show stops. A woman comes on the screen with a box of soap. She begins to talk about housework.

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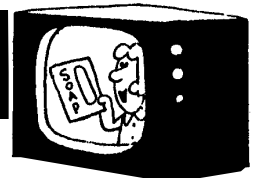


- Petra:** THAT COMMERCIAL IS DISGUSTING!
- Pedro:** WHY? A WOMAN HAS A BOX OF DETERGENT IN HER HAND—THAT'S ALL.
- Petra:** THAT'S MY POINT. ONLY *WOMEN* TALK ABOUT DETERGENT IN TV COMMERCIALS. *MEN* DON'T TALK ABOUT DETERGENT!
- Donna:** YEAH . . . AND ONLY *WOMEN* WASH CLOTHES ON TV. *MEN* NEVER DO LAUNDRY.
- Petra:** AND WHO ALWAYS DOES THE DISHES? A *WOMAN!* THEN SHE SCRUBS THE SINK.
- Donna:** AND *WOMEN* ALWAYS VACUUM THE CARPET. THEY ALWAYS SWEEP THE FLOOR.
- Don:** SO WHAT? THAT'S NATURAL!
- Petra:** IT IS? WHY?
- Don:** BECAUSE *MEN* DON'T VACUUM THE CARPET *AT HOME*. AND THEY DON'T SWEEP.
- Donna:** OH, REALLY? WELL, MY BROTHER *ALWAYS* VACUUMS THE CARPET. HE *USUALLY* SWEEPS THE FLOOR. HE SOMETIMES *MOPS* IT. HE OCCASIONALLY *SCRUBS* IT.
- Pedro:** HE DOES? WELL, THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN AT *MY* HOUSE! MY *MOTHER* CLEANS THE HOUSE—EVERY DAY. SHE *WAXES* THE FLOOR ONCE A MONTH. AND SHE *COOKS*—ALL THE TIME. SHE EVEN *BAKES* BREAD ONCE A WEEK.
- Petra:** AND YOUR FATHER?
- Pedro:** HE NEVER HELPS. HE DOESN'T SET OR CLEAR THE TABLE. HE DOESN'T DO DISHES OR LAUNDRY. HE DOESN'T TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE. HE DOESN'T . . .
- Petra:** BUT WHO MAKES THE BEDS? WHO WASHES THE WINDOWS? WHO . . . ?
- Pedro:** OH . . . WELL, ONCE IN A WHILE I CUT THE GRASS. I FIX A MACHINE NOW AND THEN. AND I POLISH MY CAR EVERY WEEKEND!
- Donna:** BUT *THAT'S* NOT HOUSEWORK! THAT'S NOT EVEN WORK! THAT'S FUN!



The commercial ends. The program comes back. But soon it stops again. A woman comes on the screen—with cleanser.

- Petra:** THAT COMMERCIAL IS DISGUSTING!



7-A On the lines, write verbs and verb parts from the Scenario: Housework on page 91.

Four friends ¹ are in front of a TV set. The show ² _____ .

A woman ³ _____ on the screen. She ⁴ _____ to talk.

Petra: That ⁵ _____ disgusting! That commercial ⁶ _____ impossible!

Pedro: Why? A woman ⁷ _____ a box of detergent in her hand.

Petra: That ⁸ _____ my point. Only women ⁹ _____ about detergent in commercials. Men ¹⁰ _____ talk about detergent!

Donna: Only women ¹¹ _____ clothes on TV. Men never ¹² _____ laundry.

Petra: And who always ¹³ _____ the dishes? A woman! Then she ¹⁴ _____ the sink.

Donna: And women always ¹⁵ _____ the carpet. They ¹⁶ _____ the floor.

Don: Well, men ¹⁷ _____ vacuum the carpet *at home*. They don't ¹⁸ _____ the floor.

7-B Put the words under the lines in order. On the lines, write sentences from the Scenario: Housework.

1. My brother vacuums the carpet.
vacuums / the carpet. / My brother | usually / sweeps / the floor. / He
2. _____
mops / He / it. / sometimes | He / it. / scrubs / occasionally
3. _____
at my house. / That / happen / doesn't | the house. / cleans / My mother
4. _____
once a month. / waxes / She / the floor | cooks / And she / all the time.
5. _____
bread / once a week. / bakes / She | never / helps. / My father
6. _____
the table. set or clear / doesn't / He | doesn't / He / do / dishes or laundry.

7-C

On the lines, write true or false or other words.
 *Fix the wrong sentences. Write the correct words.

1. Petra and Donna like TV commercials for cleaning products. false.



4. Pedro's mother always does the housework at his place. _____



2. They think only men talk about housework on TV. _____



5. Even today, only women do housework in TV commercials. Men never do. _____



3. At Don's house, the men vacuum the carpet and sweep the floor. _____



6. But in real life, men usually do housework. Women don't often cook or clean. _____



SIMPLE PRESENT STATEMENTS: I / YOU AND PLURAL SUBJECTS

THE BASE FORM OF A VERB HAS NO ADDED ENDINGS.
 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE OF THE SIMPLE PRESENT, A BASE VERB
 COMES AFTER I OR YOU OR A PLURAL SENTENCE SUBJECT.

FOR THE NEGATIVE, THE "HELPING VERB" DON'T (= DO NOT)
 COMES BETWEEN THE SUBJECT AND THE BASE VERB.

	SUBJECT: I, YOU, PLURAL	DON'T = DO NOT	BASE VERB	(VERB OBJECT)	(ADVERB)
AFFIRMATIVE	Women They I We		wash sweep vacuum do	clothes the floor. the carpet housework	on TV. weekly. together.
NEGATIVE	Men They You I	don't don't don't don't	scrub mop help watch	the sink the floor. me TV.	at home. enough.



**Vocabulary: Verbs with Objects



Most verbs can take only a few different objects, such as:

sweep	floors
vacuum	carpets
wax	the floor
polish	the car



A few verbs with general meanings can take many different objects, such as:

do
 a job / a good job***
 work / housework
 windows / floors
 laundry / the wash***
 a report / a paper***
 something / nothing***

make

food / coffee / soup
 meals / breakfast
 lunch / dinner
 the beds / a mess***
 money*** / a living***

have

fun / a good time***
 coffee / a snack***
 breakfast / lunch***
 dinner / supper***
 time / no time***

7-D Write affirmative base verbs on the lines between their subjects and objects. Choose from these words:

bake cook do fix make mop scrub sweep vacuum wash

*On some lines, more than one verb is possible.

**Can you think of other possible verbs for some of the lines?

Only women ¹ _____ *do* _____ housework on TV.

They ² _____ or ³ _____ the

floor. They ⁴ _____ the carpet.

They ⁵ _____ windows and dishes.

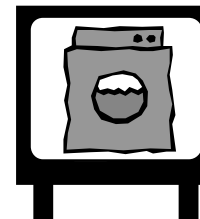
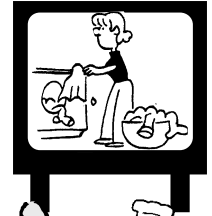
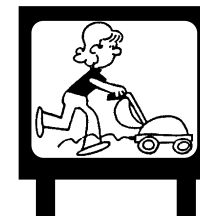
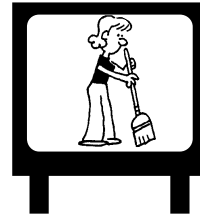
They ⁶ _____ the sink with detergent.

They ⁷ _____ laundry. Is this real life?

My wife and I ⁸ _____ good food together—for breakfast, lunch, and supper.

We ⁹ _____ bread. We even

¹⁰ _____ the broken kitchen machines.



On these lines, write negative verbs. Use these base forms after the short form don't. (Use don't only once in a sentence.)

clear* make prepare* put set* talk wipe off** work

In TV commercials, men ¹¹ don't talk about

housework. They ¹² _____ in the

house. They ¹³ _____ the beds in

the morning. They ¹⁴ _____

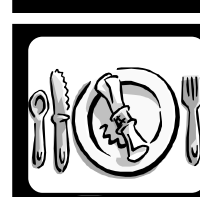
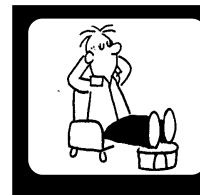
breakfast or lunch or dinner. Before the meal they

¹⁵ _____ the table. They

¹⁶ _____ or ¹⁷ _____

the table after the meal. They ¹⁸ _____

the dirty dishes in the dishwasher.



***7-D** Circle the letters of all the possible words for the lines.

19. At my house I _____ the floors.

- a. make d. mop g. scrub
 b. wash e. clean h. wax
 c. sweep f. stand up i. polish

20. I don't _____ furniture often.

- a. get up d. work g. repair**
 b. make e. bake h. fix**
 c. dust off f. hang in i. tell**

21. We _____ clothes together.

- a. happen d. make out g. sew**
 b. put away e. fold h. fix**
 c. wash (out) f. iron i. do**

22. You don't _____ much food.**

- a. make d. cook g. bake
 b. set e. use h. take in***
 c. prepare f. clear over i. take out***

*****Vocabulary:
Phrasal Verbs**

Some verbs go with adverbs. Some examples are *stand up, sit down, turn around.*

Some phrasal verbs can take objects. The adverb can come before or after the noun. In these examples, the objects are circled. The adverbs are boxed:

put away dishes = put dishes away

wipe off the table = wipe the table off

take out the garbage = take the garbage out

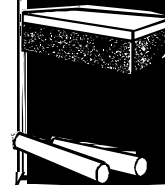
A pronoun object has to come *between* a phrasal verb and its adverb. For example:

Put them away.

Wipe it off.

Don't take these out.

Please clean that up.



****Vocabulary:
Frequency Phrases**

Adverb phrases of frequency answer the question *How often?* Usually, they follow the verb or the object of the verb, as in these boxed examples:

We don't clean the house every day (daily) or even every other day. We clean about once a week.

Frequency phrases can also come at the beginning of sentences:

Once in a while I cut the grass. Now and then I fix a machine.



****7-D** Make affirmative and negative true statements about housework. Use the subjects *I* and *we* with the sentence parts on the next page. Add your own vocabulary and ideas.



I DON'T COOK EVERY DAY. ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK I MAKE A LOT OF FOOD AND FREEZE IT. WE TAKE FOOD OUT OF THE FREEZER DAILY AND THAW AND COOK IT. NOW AND THEN I BAKE. I DON'T MAKE COOKIES. I MAKE A CAKE OR A PIE. WE HAVE IT FOR DESSERT. WE TAKE IT WITH US TO WORK.