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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 20/11/16

Good Housekeeping

Today let's talk about good housekeeping. These are the little jobs that need to be done around the house and garden once a year, every few months, or on a more regular basis.

The windows in your house or flat need washing. Many people employ a window cleaner to clean the outside of windows. But how often you do wash the inside of them? When did you last wipe down the window or for that matter the doorframes? Many people forget or are lazy to wipe down the skirting board.

Washing the curtain netting and curtains, periodically, makes all the difference, especially if you live in a city, where the dirt soon makes your netting rather black. Likewise, wiping down lightbulbs might brighten the room up.

If your house has carpets they should be semi-regularly deep-cleaned or shampooed. Some people use special vacuum cleaners to do this. Other folk might hire a company to come in to clean the carpets. These days many house owners opt for clip together wooden floors. These are easier to clean, especially with a robot vacuum cleaner.

How many of you have a fireplace in the living room? Is it a gas fire or do you burn logs on it? Anyone with a chimney in their house, that is used, needs to have it cleaned once a year. Most people hire a chimney sweep to do this.

When was the last time you got up a ladder to clean your gutters. It's a lovely job! You need a long ladder and probably some help to do this.

Many folk have garden furniture that is left out in the garden in all weathers. It will probably need a wipe over now and again. Cleaning out the garage and garden shed, periodically, gets rid of cobwebs, dead leaves, and stuff that you never actually use anymore.

SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about good housekeeping. Go round the room swapping details with others.

LISTENING – WRITING - DICTATION

The teacher will read some lines of the article slowly to the class.

READING

Students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

SPEAKING - UNDERSTANDING

1) The article – Students check any unknown vocabulary or phrases with the teacher.

2) The article - Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- 1) What is the article about?
- 2) What do you think about the article?
- 3) Was this an easy or difficult article to understand?
- 4) Was this a boring or interesting article?
- 5) Discuss the article.

3) Article quiz - Students quiz each other in pairs. Score a point for each correct answer. Score half a point each time you have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

Student A questions

- 1) What is a 'gutter'?
- 2) What does 'periodically' mean?
- 3) What does 'folk' mean?
- 4) What is 'a skirting board' and where will you find it?
- 5) Explain the term 'good housekeeping'.

Student B questions

- 1) What are 'net curtains'?
- 2) What is 'a chimney'?
- 3) Who normally cleans chimneys?
- 4) What is 'a garden shed'?
- 5) Where might you find cobwebs?

Category: Lifestyle / Housekeeping / Chores
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs. On the board write as many words about **'housekeeper'**. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – Think of three housekeeping chores you like to do. Write them below. When do you do them? Discuss!

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Think of three housekeeping chores you hate doing. Write them below. When do you do them? Discuss!

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Weekly chores in the house/flat

Who in your house/flat does... the cleaning/washing/dusting/cooking/emptying the bins/drying up/add your own things...

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) When was the last time you wiped down the top of the doorframes?
- 3) When did you last clean your chimney?
- 4) Where do the most cobwebs form in your house?
- 5) When did you last tidy your garage?
- 6) When were your gutters last cleaned and leaves removed from them?
- 7) When did you last wash your net curtains?
- 8) When did you last wipe down the skirting boards in your house?
- 9) What type of flooring do you have?
- 10) Have you learnt anything today?

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

In groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *Discussion FM* radio studio in London. Today's interview is about: *Good Housekeeping.*

- 1) A man.
- 2) A woman.
- 3) A teenager.
- 4) A cleaning lady.

The teacher will choose some groups to roleplay their interview in front of the class.

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs - *Student A* is a handy person around the house and garden. *Student B* is a DIY disaster. So what you do to solve this? *3 mins.*

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Good housekeeping

Who does all the housekeeping in your household? How often? What do they do?

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) When was the last time you cleaned your carpets?
- 3) What type of vacuum cleaner do you have?
- 4) Do you have a gas fire/log fire/other?
- 5) When did you last wash down the garden furniture?
- 6) When did you last wipe a lightbulb in a light fitting? (Note: The light should be off and not hot!)
- 7) When did you last tidy your garden shed?
- 8) When was the last time you ventured up a ladder? To do what?
- 9) Are you a good housekeeper?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

Good Housekeeping

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The windows in your house or flat need washing. Many people (3)__ a window cleaner to clean the outside of windows. But how often you do wash the inside of them? When did you last (4)__ down the window or for that matter the (5)__? Many people forget or are lazy to wipe down the skirting board. Washing the curtain netting and curtains, (6)__, makes all the difference, especially if you live in a city, where the (7)__ soon makes your netting rather black. Likewise, wiping down (8)__ might brighten the room up.

periodically / employ / regular / lightbulbs / doorframes / dirt / housekeeping / wipe

If your house has carpets they should be semi-regularly deep-cleaned or shampooed. Some people use special vacuum cleaners to do this. Other (1)__ might hire a company to come in to clean the carpets. These days many house owners opt for clip together wooden floors. These are easier to clean, especially with a robot vacuum cleaner.

How many of you have a (2)__ in the living room? Is it a gas fire or do you burn logs on it? Anyone with a (3)__ in their house, that is used, needs to have it cleaned once a year. Most people (4)__ a chimney sweep to do this. When was the last time you got up a ladder to clean your (5)__. It's a lovely job! You need a long ladder and probably some help to do this.

Many folk have garden furniture that is left out in the garden in all weathers. It will probably need a wipe over now and again. Cleaning out the garage and garden (6)__, periodically, gets rid of (7)__, dead leaves, and (8)__ that you never actually use anymore.

stuff / gutters / chimney / folk / cobwebs / shed / hire / fireplace /

GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

WRITING/SPELLING

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WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board - In pairs/As a class, list 20 daily chores. One-two minutes. Talk about each of them.

2) On the board - In pairs/As a class, list 10 seasonal chores. Discuss together.

3) Sentence starters - Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- 1) Good housekeeping _____
- 2) Wiping the _____
- 3) I do not like _____

4) Write down 50 words about: Good Housekeeping. Your words can be read out in class.

5) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: Good housekeeping. Your email can be read out in class.

SPELLING

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards check your answers.

- 1) likewise
- 2) periodically
- 3) difference
- 4) especially
- 5) lightbulbs
- 6) chimney
- 7) sweep
- 8) fireplace
- 9) gutters
- 10) probably

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

- Pass = 12**
- Good = 15**
- Very good = 18**
- Excellent = 20**

- 11) furniture
- 12) cobwebs
- 13) stuff
- 14) actually
- 15) housekeeping
- 16) regular
- 17) ladder
- 18) basis
- 19) wipe
- 20) vacuum

Good Housekeeping – 20th November 2016