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6 Minute English worksheet

Who does the housework?



Listen to the full episode here: https://bbc.in/3TJvdw6

1. **Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?**

2. **Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.**
   - What do the presenters say the episode is about?
   - What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?

3. **Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?**

a) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

b) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

c) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

d) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

e) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

f) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

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4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?

5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.

1. Which is an example of a household chore?
   a) finding a job
   b) washing the dishes
   c) fixing the roof

2. Which idiom means 'to stop what you are doing for a short time and rest'?
   a) take a breather
   b) breathe a sigh of relief
   c) hold your breath

3. What is 'the division of labour'?
   a) the government department for employment
   b) an economic theory
   c) a way of organising work where different tasks are done by different people

4. What work do men traditionally do on the Indonesian island of Rote?
   a) house building
   b) rice farming and fishing
   c) nothing – the women do all the work on Rote

5. "Wash the dishes?!" cried Dave. "I'm not doing that – it's _____!"
   a) heavy work
   b) women's work
   c) homework

6. Which phrase means 'to work as hard as everyone else'?
   a) pull your weight
   b) pull some strings
   c) pull the plug

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6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.

7. Answer the following questions.

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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Answers

3.

a. chores – tasks around the home, such as cleaning, washing and ironing, that have to be done regularly

b. fair share – reasonable amount

c. women's work – negative term for the boring and repetitive tasks which are traditionally or stereotypically done by women

d. division of labour – way of organising work where different tasks are done by different groups of people

e. take a breather – (idiom) stop what you are doing for a short time to rest

f. pull your weight – work as hard as everyone else doing the same job

5. 1b, 2a, 3c, 4b, 5b, 6a

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Teacher's notes
This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet and adapt it as necessary.

Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.

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