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Level 0

Babies make husbands lazier

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Men do not help enough around the house. An American university says it is rare for men to share housework. Researchers looked at working couples who became parents. Men did five hours a week less housework after their baby was born, even though both parents had jobs. They spent this time helping with the baby.

Becoming a parent added 21 hours per week to a mother's work, mostly looking after her baby. New fathers did not do extra work. They did not know the mother was doing more. After a baby is born, men let the mother look after the baby. This happens even when the mother is doing the same number of hours in her job.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Men do not help | a. for men to share |
| 2. around the | b. had jobs |
| 3. An American | c. house |
| 4. it is rare | d. couples |
| 5. working | e. the baby |
| 6. Men did five hours a week | f. enough |
| 7. both parents | g. less housework |
| 8. helping with | h. university |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Becoming a | a. after her baby |
| 2. added 21 hours per | b. is born |
| 3. mostly looking | c. parent |
| 4. They did not | d. week |
| 5. the mother was | e. the baby |
| 6. After a baby | f. number of hours |
| 7. look after | g. know |
| 8. doing the same | h. doing more |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Men do (1) _____ around the house. An American university (2) _____ for men to share housework. Researchers (3) _____ working couples who became parents. Men (4) _____ a week less housework (5) _____ was born, even though both parents had jobs. They (6) _____ helping with the baby.

Becoming a parent (7) _____ per week to a mother's work, (8) _____ after her baby. New fathers did not (9) _____. They did not know the mother (10) _____. After a baby is born, men let the mother look (11) _____. This happens even when the mother is doing the same number (12) _____ job.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Mendon't help enough around the house. An American university says it is rare for men to share housework. Researchers looked at working couples who became parents. Men did five hours a week less housework after the first baby was born, even though both parents had jobs. They spent this time helping with the baby. Becoming a parent added 21 hours per week to another's work, mostly looking after the baby. New fathers did not do extra work. They did not know the mother was doing more. After a baby is born, men let the mother look after the baby. This happens even when the mother is doing the same number of hours in her job.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **laziness** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
