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Girls do 160 million more hours of chores than boys

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THE READING

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It is no surprise that girls spend more time doing unpaid household chores than boys. Girls spend 40 per cent more time, which is an incredible 160 million more hours of chores per day. In some countries, this figure is a lot higher. A report from the United Nations children's agency UNICEF highlights this gap. UNICEF stated. "Girls sacrifice important opportunities to learn, grow and just enjoy their childhood." It added: "This unequal distribution of labour among children also perpetuates gender stereotypes and the double burden on women and girls across generations."

Most work done by girls is physically demanding. Two-thirds of girls cook and clean in the home, while half collect firewood or water. They also care for children and elderly relatives. In Somalia, girls aged between 10 and 14 spend 26 hours a week on household chores. The report coincides with the UN's International Day of the Girl Child, which is on October 11. UNICEF said: "Quantifying the challenges girls face is the first critical step towards meeting the Sustainable Development Goal on gender equality and breaking down barriers that confront the world's 1.1 billion girls."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. spend more time doing unpaid | a. to learn |
| 2. an incredible 160 million | b. stereotypes |
| 3. this figure | c. more hours |
| 4. Girls sacrifice important opportunities | d. women and girls |
| 5. enjoy their | e. is a lot higher |
| 6. This unequal distribution | f. childhood |
| 7. gender | g. household chores |
| 8. the double burden on | h. of labour |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. work done by girls is physically | a. step |
| 2. Two-thirds of girls | b. relatives |
| 3. collect | c. face |
| 4. care for children and elderly | d. cook |
| 5. spend 26 hours a week | e. barriers |
| 6. the challenges girls | f. demanding |
| 7. the first critical | g. on household chores |
| 8. breaking down | h. firewood |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Most work done by (7) _____ demanding. Two-thirds of girls cook and clean in the home, (8) _____ firewood or water. They also care for children and (9) _____. In Somalia, girls aged between 10 and 14 spend 26 hours a week on household chores. The (10) _____ the UN's International Day of the Girl Child, which is on October 11. UNICEF said: "Quantifying the challenges girls face is the (11) _____ towards meeting the Sustainable Development Goal on gender equality and breaking down barriers (12) _____ world's 1.1 billion girls."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GIRLS AND BOYS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about girls and boys in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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) _____

