

6A Household contract

Activity type: Speaking – Negotiating a contract – Pairs

Aim: To use vocabulary related to household chores / negotiate household duties

Language: Household chores vocabulary – Use any time after 6.1.

Preparation: Make one copy of the worksheet for every two learners.

Time: 20–30 minutes

- 1 Introduce problems related to sharing accommodation. Mention household chores and personal habits/behaviour and ask learners what kinds of problem might be associated with them. Ask learners how those problems might be prevented and introduce the notion of a household contract.
- 2 Tell learners that they are going to share a house or flat and need to negotiate a household contract with their partner. Divide the class into A/B pairs and give one copy of the contract to each pair. Learners put their names in the space on the line at the top of each column (i.e. the line before *'s chores*).
- 3 Pairs first add any other weekly household chores they think are necessary and then decide how often the listed chores need to be done. Each learner then decides which chores he/she is happy to do and which he/she would prefer his/her partner to do. (Remind them that they can use *I'll ...* or *I'd like to ...* for making their suggestions.)
- 4 Learners then negotiate so that all necessary chores are covered. Make it clear that they can share jobs, for example one learner doing cooking on weekdays, the other at the weekend. Each learner ticks the box in front of the chore that he/she will take on and enters on the short line following the item how often per week he/she will do this chore, for example, *2x*.
- 5 To finish with, learners consider their habits and behaviour and discuss what is acceptable and what is not. Learners then complete their side of the contract by entering what they promise to do / not to do.
- 6 When everything has been agreed, learners sign their contract.

Extension

Learners present their agreement to the class, each saying what he/she has agreed to do.

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We the undersigned agree to do the following:

_____ 's chores:	_____ 's chores:
<input type="checkbox"/> do the cooking _____	<input type="checkbox"/> do the cooking _____
<input type="checkbox"/> tidy up _____	<input type="checkbox"/> tidy up _____
<input type="checkbox"/> clean the bathroom _____	<input type="checkbox"/> clean the bathroom _____
<input type="checkbox"/> do the vacuuming _____	<input type="checkbox"/> do the vacuuming _____
<input type="checkbox"/> make the beds _____	<input type="checkbox"/> make the beds _____
<input type="checkbox"/> do the ironing _____	<input type="checkbox"/> do the ironing _____
<input type="checkbox"/> empty the dustbin _____	<input type="checkbox"/> empty the dustbin _____
<input type="checkbox"/> go to the supermarket _____	<input type="checkbox"/> go to the supermarket _____
<input type="checkbox"/> do the washing up _____	<input type="checkbox"/> do the washing up _____
<input type="checkbox"/> do the dusting _____	<input type="checkbox"/> do the dusting _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ _____
And I promise	And I promise
to _____	to _____
to _____	to _____
not to _____	not to _____
not to _____	not to _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

