

Course: Advanced

Level 3

Day №11

***In your home, who does most of the household chores?
Which chore do you most enjoy doing / hate most doing?***



Dear Moon,

My boyfriend and I have a problem, a big problem. First let me tell you that we're in love and want to get married. Our families agree to the marriage, too. Now, here's the big problem: Housework! This is the one thing that we can't agree on. Both of us work and we continue working after getting married.



Kwan is old fashioned and says he'll not do any housework after we get married. He says that housework is women's work. He says his father never does housework and that his mother does it all. He won't listen to me when I say that time have changed a lot since his parents got married. Most of my married friends say that their husbands share the household duties. And I don't want to like his mother!

I have been trying to persuade him to help me with the housework, but he refuses. It's really not fair. He just doesn't understand how important this is to me. Should I marry him or not marry him. Marry him and just do all the housework? Marry him and hope he changes his mind? Or simply not marry him UNTIL he changes his mind?

What should I do?

Hye-Jin



Dear Hye-Jin,

I agree with you that it would not be fair. Kwan's mother does all of the housework, but she does not have a job outside the home. You're right. Times have changed. Now many married women have responsible jobs. Their husbands should not expect them to do all the housework.

Think about these possibilities.

First, calculate all of the time you would spend cleaning and all of the expenses housework would cost in a one month. Show Kwan that. Make him realize that housework is not free. But if he still doesn't want to help you, then both of you should pay to hire housework professionals.

Finally, if Kwan refuses to pay his share, then tell him that he must do the housework!

Of course, this third possibility might postpone the wedding.

Good luck!

Dr. Moon

If you were Dr. Moon, what advice would you give to Hye Jin?



Vocabulary Check:

- *Old Fashioned*

- *Persuade*

- *Responsible*

- *Calculate*

- *Postpone*

- to figure out

- to persuade; make a person change

his/her thinking

- to delay; to put off

- behind the times, out of date.

Whose opinion do you agree with the most?

☐ **Shingo:** Husband or wife, whoever is better at housework should be mainly responsible.



☐ **Mark:** When both wife and husband work outside the house, they can hire professionals to do the housework. That's the best way.



☐ **Iris:** Housework is women's work. Sorry, that's just the way it is. Not going to change.



☐ **Anna:** They should each do half of the housework. Isn't that fair?



Genders of Nouns

- Groom
- Wife
- Father-in-law
- Spinster
- widower

- Widow
- Mother-in-law
- Bride
- Husband
- Bachelor



Task	Man	Woman	Both	Is it fair?
Washing dishes				Yes/No
Doing laundry				Yes/No
Cooking				Yes/No
Taking out the garbage				Yes/No
Going grocery shopping				Yes/No
Taking care of the baby				Yes/No
Earning money for the family				Yes/No
Cleaning the house				Yes/No
Managing finances				Yes/No
Changing the light bulbs				Yes/No
My idea: _____ _____				Yes/No

Extra Activity

Would you like to get your man to do housework? Let's find out how!

How to Get a Man to do Housework **by Marty Friedman**

How do you get a man to do his share of the housework? If you are like most women you've faced this question the hard way: in an argument with your husband. Here's a man's take on this troublesome issue.. (continued)



<http://www.marriedromance.com/columns/friedman/housework.htm>

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today!***

***I'm looking forward to
seeing you again!***