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Babies make husbands lazier

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THE READING

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Research says that husbands do not help enough around the house. A study from an American university says it is rare for men to do an equal share of housework. Researchers looked at 182 working couples. Both partners worked the same number of hours in full-time jobs. Men did five hours a week less housework after their baby was born, even though both parents worked the same number of hours in their job. They spent this time helping with the baby.

Becoming a parent added about 21 hours per week to a mother's work. Most of this was looking after her baby. New fathers did not do extra work because they did not realise the mother was doing so much more. Another reason is that after a baby is born, fathers follow the 'traditional' roles in society, where the mother looks after the baby and the father works. This happens even when the mother is working the same number of hours in her job.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. husbands do not | a. time jobs |
| 2. around the | b. for men |
| 3. an American university says it is rare | c. help enough |
| 4. do an equal | d. couples |
| 5. working | e. the baby |
| 6. in full- | f. a week less |
| 7. Men did five hours | g. house |
| 8. helping with | h. share of housework |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Becoming a | a. more |
| 2. added about 21 hours per | b. realise |
| 3. looking after | c. roles in society |
| 4. New fathers did not do | d. her baby |
| 5. they did not | e. parent |
| 6. doing so much | f. extra work |
| 7. follow the 'traditional' | g. number of hours |
| 8. working the same | h. week |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Research says that husbands (1) _____ around the house. A study from an American university (2) _____ men to do an equal share of housework. Researchers looked at 182 (3) _____. Both partners worked the same number of hours (4) _____. Men did five hours a week less housework after their baby was born, (5) _____ parents worked the same number of hours in their job. They (6) _____ helping with the baby.

Becoming a parent (7) _____ hours per week to a mother's work. Most of this was (8) _____ baby. New fathers did (9) _____ because they did not realise the mother was (10) _____ more. Another reason is that after a baby is born, fathers follow the 'traditional' (11) _____, where the mother looks after the baby and the father works. This happens even when the mother is working the same number (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
