



Los quehaceres en una casa española

Do you like doing chores? Helping with the household chores is a long-standing tradition in many homes throughout the world. In Spain, young people generally help with chores starting at an early age, and everyone helps out with the



Limpiando un suelo.

cleaning (*la limpieza*) and upkeep of the home. Spanish houses do not, as a general rule, have wall-to-wall carpeting (*alfombra, moqueta*). Instead, floors often consist of uncovered tile (*losa*), marble (*mármol*) or wood (*madera*) and they are usually washed every day. If there are teenagers in the house, they usually are the ones chosen to perform this chore. The laundry is another household task that must

be performed nearly every day. Dryers (*secadoras de ropa*) are not common in Spanish homes because of the high cost of energy, so



Ropa en el tendedero (Almería, España).

laundry (*lavado de ropa* or *colada*) in many instances must be washed daily or every other day, and clothes are left to hang from lines to dry (*tender la ropa en el tendedero*). Both girls and boys often have to hang the laundry, take it down and fold it. In addition, boys are often required to run errands (*hacer recados*) for their parents, while girls, traditionally, help with cooking.

How do you help with the cleaning and maintenance of your home? Regardless of your answer, one thing you have in common with young people in Spain and throughout the world: Although you may accept that they are an integral part of living together as a family, nobody seems to like doing chores!

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¿Es cierto o falso? Si es falso, di lo que es cierto.

1. Es tradicional empezar a ayudar con los quehaceres de casa cuando uno es joven en España.
2. Sólo los padres hacen la limpieza en las casas españolas.
3. Muchas casas tienen alfombra o moqueta en los pisos.
4. Hay muchas secadoras porque la energía no cuesta mucho en España.
5. Las muchachas y los muchachos cuelgan la ropa y la doblan.