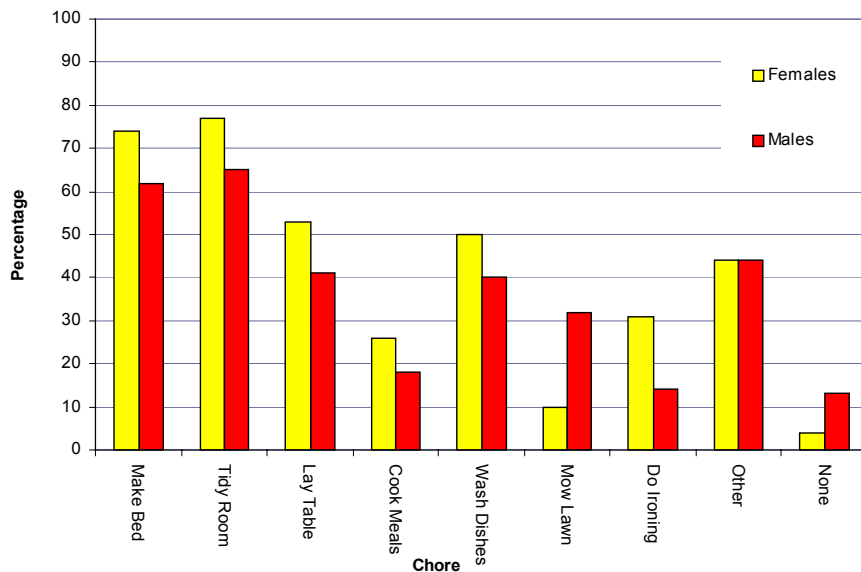


Doing the Housework

Household Chores Done By Children in the UK



Source: Phase 2 CensusAtSchool Project www.censusatschool.ntu.ac.uk

Household Chores Done By Adults in the UK

	Females		Males	
	Ave/mins spent	% of females	Ave/mins spent	% of males
	doing per day	doing activity	doing per day	doing activity
Cooking a meal	58	85	27	61
Gardening	7	10	12	12
Shopping non-food	5	11	4	12
Decorating and DIY to house	2	2	7	5
Shopping mainly for food	6	14	3	10
Cleaning house	37	61	11	24
Being with Children	8	15	5	9
Washing clothes	10	31	2	6
Ironing clothes	11	20	2	4

Source: UK 2000 Time Use Survey

Above is a bar chart, showing the household chores that pupils said they did during Phase 2 of the CensusAtSchool project (www.censusatschool.ntu.ac.uk). The table is a result of over 8000 adults keeping a diary of the activities they did during the day, over a period of time. (www.statistics.gov.uk)

Looking at the data, which activities do females do more often than males? What differences can you see? Does any of the data surprise you? Explain. Think about what happens in your household. Is this typical of the data above?

Organise a class debate based on the poster 'Will this ever be the 'norm'? Spend some time thinking about your arguments first. The following links may be of use.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/low/uk/970653.stm>

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/talking_point/988433.stm

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/CCI/nugget.asp?ID=288&Pos=3&ColRank=2&Rank=224>

Alternatively, use a search engine such as Google; www.google.co.uk

What did your class conclude?