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Housework Then and Now



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Housework

What jobs does your family do around the house?
Does someone wash the clothes?
Does someone cook dinner?
Today, machines help with these jobs.
How did people do these jobs long ago?



What jobs do you do at home?

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Washing Clothes

Long ago, people washed clothes by hand. Washing clothes this way could take the whole day!



In the past, people scrubbed their clothes on a washboard.

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Then, **washing machines** were invented. The first washing machines were simple. A person turned a handle to spin the clothes around a tub of water.

Today, we have washing machines that do all the work.





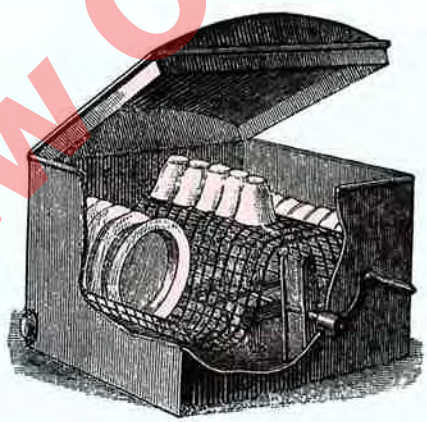
Washing machines today have motors.

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Doing Dishes

Long ago, people had to wash all of their dishes by hand.
Then, **dishwashers** were invented.

The first dishwashers were simple.
People turned a handle to make them go.



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Washing and drying dishes by hand takes a lot of time.



Today, we push a button to start the dishwasher.

When the machine stops, the dishes are clean!



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Cleaning the House

Long ago, people had to sweep the floor with a broom.

They took rugs outside to clean them.



In the past, people would clean a rug by beating it with a stick.

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