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Hi! I'm Lilly and I live with my family in a big house. I'm 11 and I have a younger brother, Tom. He's 8. My mum is a nurse, she works in a hospital. She works a lot, usually at night. She doesn't have enough time to do the housework so my dad often helps her and he likes it!

He works in a bank. He arrives home after 4 pm so he can do a lot of things in the house.

Every evening he cooks the dinner. Mum prepares the food and dad finishes it. My brother and I help him. We set the table. After dinner dad washes up and I help him to dry the dishes. Then we have a shower or bath and dad reads us tales or short stories.

In the mornings mum arrives and makes the breakfast. Tom and I make our beds. Dad takes us to school by car.

On Mondays we clean all the house. I dust the furniture and dad vacuums the floor. Tom takes the rubbish out and waters the plants. Dad likes cleaning the windows but he hates ironing. He never does it. My grandma comes to us twice a week and she irons our clothes.

Three times a week mum does the washing and I help her to hang out the clothes.

On Fridays I tidy my room.

At the weekends – when mum doesn't work – we wash the car together and dad mows the lawn. We all like gardening.

Some people think that my father is a strange man but I think it is very nice from dad to help at home and mum loves him a lot!

true (✓), false (✗) or it doesn't say (∅)

- 1 Lilly's mum never works at night.
- 2 Tom goes to school.
- 3 Their dad likes peeling potatoes.
- 4 He helps a lot at home.
- 5 Lilly's dad makes the breakfast.
- 6 They have a big house with a garden.
- 7 In their house there are eight rooms.
- 8 Their grandmother sews their clothes.
- 9 Mum tidies Lilly's room twice a week.
- 10 Lilly's dad is a handy man.

Answer the questions.

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- 1 Who prepares the food for dinner?

- 2 When does dad come home?

- 3 How many times does mum do the washing a week?

- 4 Who takes the rubbish out?

- 5 What do they do at the weekends?

Complete the sentences about Lilly's family.

- 1 Lilly and her _____ set the table.
- 2 After having a shower their dad _____ tales.
- 3 Tom usually waters the _____.
- 4 Lilly's _____ does the _____ twice a week.
- 5 All the family _____ gardening.

Match

clean the house/cook/wash the car/dust/hang out the clothes/vacuum the floor/wash up /gardening / do the washing/iron the clothes/clean the windows/make the bed/mow the lawn/take the rubbish out

