

Daily Life - Doing Laundry (C0133)

A: Ok, let's go through this one more time. I don't want anymore ruined or dyed blouses!

B: I know, I know. OK, so I have to separate the colors from the whites and put them in this strange looking contraption so called washing machine.

A: Right. You have to turn it on and program it depending on what type of clothes you are washing. For example for delicates, you should set a shorter washing cycle. Also, be sure to use fabric softener and this detergent when washing.

B: So complicated! Ok, what about this red wine stain? How do I get it out?

A: Since this is a white t-shirt, you can just pour a little bit of bleach on it and it will do the trick.

B: Cool. Then I can just throw everything in the dryer for an hour and its all set right?

A: No! Since you are washing delicates and cotton, you should set the dryer to medium heat and for twenty minutes.

B: You know what? I'll just have everything dry cleaned.

Key Vocabulary

dye	<i>principle</i> <i>verb, past</i> <i>simple</i>	to change the color of (something, such as hair or clothing)
contraption	<i>common</i> <i>noun, singular</i>	machine
do the trick	<i>phrase</i>	accomplish the desired task
all set	<i>phrase</i>	ready, prepared

dry clean

principle
verb, past
simple

a way to clean clothes without water.

Supplementary Vocabulary

laundromat

common
noun, singular

place with washing machines and dryers, usually coin-operated and self-service

iron

principle
verb, present
simple

To press and smooth clothes with a heated iron

starch

principle
verb, present
simple

to stiffen clothes with a chemical compound

clothesline

common
noun, singular

A cord, rope, or wire on which clothes may be hung to dry or air

clothes hamper

common
noun, singular

basket or space where dirty clothes are put