



Daily Tasks

Key Vocabulary:

- Chores
- Errands
- Housework
- Repetitive
- Strewn
- Detergent
- Laundry
- Softener

Tips for explaining tasks:

- Whether you're giving instructions for how to do something, talking about something that you regularly do, or explaining what you need to do today, tell a story!
- When you describe regular tasks, you can use the present tense, just like you're explaining a routine.

Doing laundry:

My clothes are always strewn around my room, so when I need to do laundry, I have to get them all in a pile and then sort them into two smaller piles—colors and whites. I'm a bit picky like that. I have two separate laundry baskets, and I always wash colors separately. My family's washing machine is in the bathroom, and it has a dial with settings for different temperatures, times and load sizes. I do the colors first, and then do whites in the second load. I actually hand-wash a lot of my linens, or anything delicate. My mom yells at me if I put delicates in the machine. I add detergent according to the measurement line on the cap of the bottle, then set the machine for colors and turn the dial to 35 minutes. After the final spin cycle finishes, I take everything out and air dry my clothes on a

clothesline/hanger/drying rack. In the Summer, it takes forever for things to dry.

Phrases for errands:

- Pick up
- Grab
- Get
- Buy
- Pay for
- Stop by
- Run to

Running errands:

Yesterday I had to run to Yo Mart to pick up a few things we need. I bought vegetables and eggs for a dish I'm planning to cook tonight. I also grabbed some milk and eggs because we're running low on both. My wife asked me to get some chocolate, so I bought her a few Dove chocolate bars. I also got several big cartons of oat milk for the week. On the way home I stopped by the UPS store to drop off a package I'm sending to my friend in Colorado.

Assignment:

In detail, explain the errands that you need to run tomorrow or the next day. Be sure to use the phrases we learned in this lesson.