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British English Expressions That Help with the Housework 1

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English

The housekeeper is cleaning the window.

The woman is sweeping outside.

The boy is washing the dishes.

The boy is throwing out the trash.

The homemaker (housewife) is vacuuming the carpet.

Vocabulary

English	Definition	Class
housekeeper	person who maintains the order of the house by doing necessary chores	noun
clean	to make something not dirty	adjective
window	opening in a wall or door which allows light in	noun
woman	female human adult	noun
sweep	to remove something with a brush of some sort	verb
outside	not inside; beyond a certain boundary or line	preposition
boy	male child	noun
wash	to clean with water and usually cleaning product	verb
dish	container which is shallow used to place food	noun
carpet	heavy fabric which covers the floor	noun
take out	move something outside	verb
hoover	to vacuum with a vacuum cleaner	verb
housewife	a married woman who stays at home and looks after the house	
rubbish	things that are not needed and are thrown away	noun

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

*Every Tuesday morning the housekeeper vacuums.
They had to clean their pool because it was full of
leaves.*

Oops! Sorry about the broken window.

The scared woman is protecting her baby.

The little girl is sweeping the floor.

That's a little outside my price range.

*I often forget to bring an umbrella when it rains
outside.*

The boy wakes up and leaves his bed.

The tag says to wash in cold water.

He quickly rinsed the dish before using it.

There were wine stains on the carpet.

The boy takes out the rubbish.

The housewife hoovered the carpet.

The housewife hoovers the carpet.

The boy takes out the rubbish.

Grammar Points

The focus of this lesson is tense comparison in British English.

Present tense, Present Progressive tense, and Past tense

In this lesson you'll learn the difference between the different tenses in the English language: present tense, present progressive tense, and past tense.

1. The housekeeper is cleaning the window.

Tense	British English
present tense	The housekeeper cleans the window.
present progressive tense	The housekeeper is cleaning the window.
past tense	The housekeeper cleaned the window.

2. The woman is sweeping outside.

Tense	British English
present tense	The woman sweeps outside.
present progressive tense	The woman is sweeping outside.
past tense	The woman swept outside.

3. The boy is washing the dishes.

Tense	British English
present tense	The boy washes the dishes.
present progressive tense	The boy is washing the dishes.
past tense	The boy washed the dishes.

4. The boy is taking out the rubbish.

Tense	British English
present tense	The boy takes out the rubbish.
present progressive tense	The boy is taking out the rubbish.
past tense	The boy took out the rubbish.

5. The housewife is hoovering the carpet.

Tense	British English
present tense	The housewife hoovers the carpet.
present progressive tense	The housewife is hoovering the carpet.
past tense	The housewife hoovered the carpet.