Household Chores

Buddhi and Todd discuss who does what in their families.

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<td>My father passed away when I was very young and I’m an only child, so I grew up with just my mother. I used to like to cook and I and she liked to clean so that worked out well for us. We lived in an apartment building so we didn’t have to do any work outside of the house. I missed my dad but my mom and I were happy.</td>
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