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### Household chores

Jackie: For this week's podcastsineenglish.com we're talking about *urghh* household chores.

Richard: Yes, not very nice.

Jackie: Well, some are nicer than others but some are very unpleasant. Um... the laundry, Richard.

Richard: Yes, washing the clothes.

Jackie: Not too bad.

Richard: Very easy, we have a washing machine.

Jackie: So, actually we're not really doing that, are we?

Richard: No [Jackie laughs] put it in the washing machine and then... but then, drying.

Jackie: Yes, we don't have a tumble dryer so...

Richard: We have to hang the laundry out.

Jackie: Yes

Richard: Um... and then [laughs] ironing.

Jackie: Well, we have an ironing board and we have an iron but in fact, Richard, neither of us do the ironing, do we?

Richard: No, now I don't have an office job I don't need to iron my shirts.

Jackie: Yes. Er... and another rather boring chore, Richard, is that's the dusting, isn't it?

Richard: Yes, I don't like the dusting.

Jackie: We have a nice feather duster. [both laugh] It's just a bit boring. I think I do that more than you.

Richard: Yes, you do the dusting and I do the hoovering.

- Jackie: Yes, I don't know why I don't like the hoovering. I think it's because of the noise.
- Richard: It's very, very noisy. Yes, I don't mind that. And the other thing I don't really mind doing too much is the washing-up. As you do all the cooking I feel I have to do the washing-up.
- Jackie: Yes, we um... we don't have a dishwasher, do we?
- Richard: No dishwasher.
- Jackie: So you... you do it all by hand.
- Richard: Exactly
- Jackie: But that's not too bad.
- Richard: No, not at all. I don't find it too bad, after a good meal.
- Jackie: [laughs] And then there actually... there are some things we have to do every day, some chores that we have to do every day, but actually are quite nice.
- Richard: [laughs] With our animals.
- Jackie: Yes, one of those is taking the dog for a walk.
- Richard: I take the dog for a walk, er... well actually the dog takes me for a walk, um... and often I just throw the ball just to make sure she gets lots of exercise.
- Jackie: But you do that quite a few times during the day.
- Richard: Yes, two or three times a day.
- Jackie: Mmm, and the thing that I do um... usually, and that's feeding the chickens.
- Richard: [laughs] Yes, I do that occasionally as well. So, those are our daily chores and I think, Jackie, it's your turn to get out and feed those chickens.