

Laundry Day

It is Saturday.



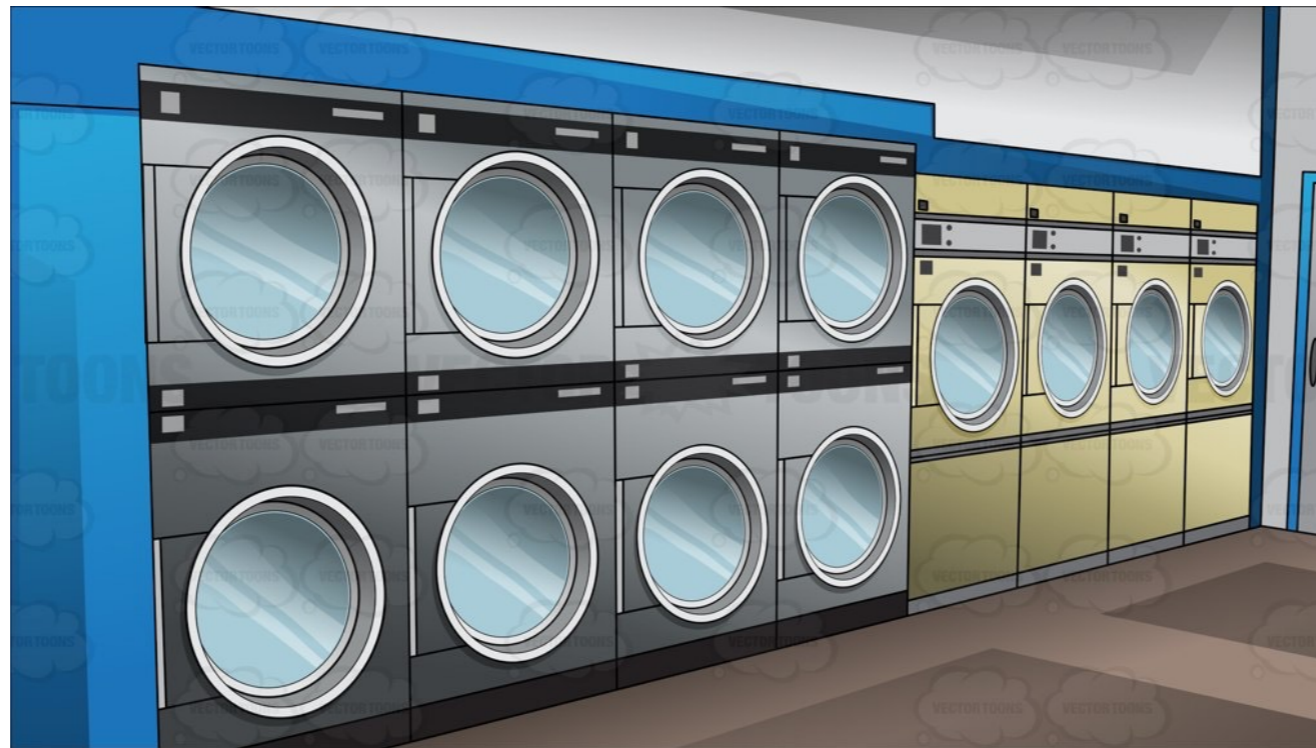
Tanya doesn't work on Saturday.
She rests on Saturday.
She is lying on the couch.
She is looking at her email.



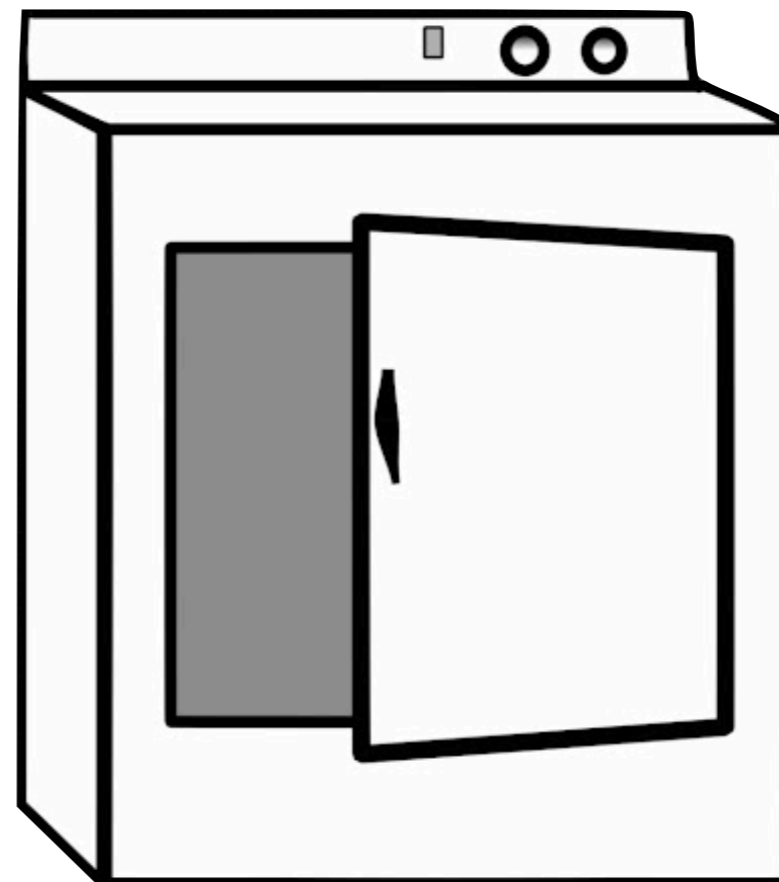
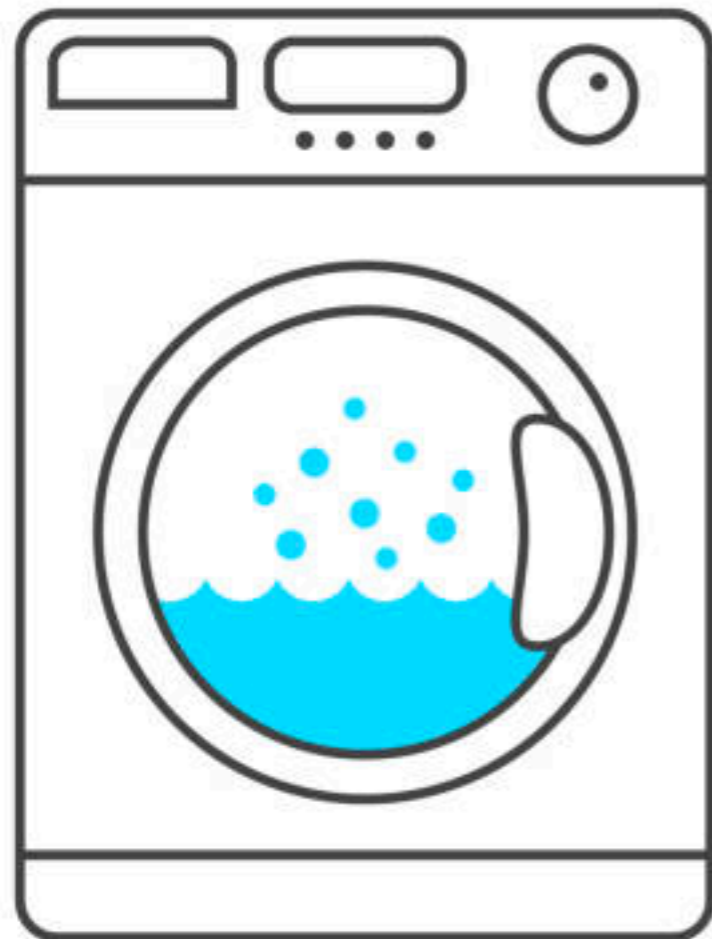
Tanya remembers her clothes are dirty.



Tanya goes to the laundromat.



A laundromat is a place to do laundry. They have washing machines and dryers. Many people have washers and dryers in their apartment or house. Do you have a washer and dryer?



Tanya collects her dirty clothes. She puts them in a basket. She walks to the laundromat. Tanya puts soap in the washer. Laundry soap is sometimes called **laundry detergent**.



Tanya brings quarters for the machines.

She puts four quarters in the washer.



Nothing happens.
The washer isn't working.
Tanya is **frustrated**.
She has no more quarters.



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Her pockets are empty.
She can't wash her clothes.



Tanya carries her dirty clothes home.



She washes her clothes.



She hangs the wet clothes on a line.



The clothes dry in the sun.





Tanya folds the clothes.

The clothes are clean.



She puts them away in her **chest of drawers**.



Tanya has clean clothes.
Tanya is happy. Her clothes are clean.
But Tanya is tired.
Tanya rests.



Which is true for YOU?

I wash my clothes at the laundromat.

I wash my clothes at home.

I like to do laundry.

I hate to do laundry.

I put my clothes in a dryer.

I hang my clothes outside to dry.

I like to fold clothes.

I hate to fold clothes.

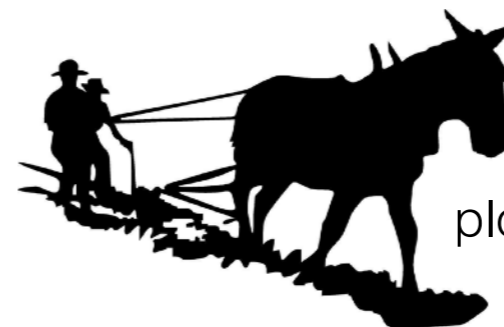
I am happy. I am frustrated. I am tired.

Doing laundry is easy now. But 100 years ago, doing laundry was hard work. Read this story about doing laundry.

Mary was born in East Texas in 1915. She lived in the country far from any cities. Her family had a small farm. Her family grew tomatoes, potatoes, watermelon and beans. They also had a cow and a mule. Mary's mother would milk the cow so the family had milk and butter. The mule pulled the plow. Her father and brothers worked in the fields every day. Mary worked in the house helping her mother.



milking



plowing (in British English, ploughing)

Mary and her mother cooked meals for the family. They swept the floors and made the beds. On laundry day, they washed the sheets and pillow cases. They washed everyone's dirty clothes. They used a big tub and a wash board. They put water and dirty clothes in the big tub. They added soap. They scrubbed the clothes on a wash board. They had another tub for rinsing. This tub had clean water in it. They took clothes out of the soapy water and put them in the clean water. Then they wrung them out and hung them on the line to dry.



When the clothes dried in the sun, they would be a little stiff. They weren't fluffy and soft. Mary and her mother had to iron the clothes and the sheets. Doing the laundry was a very big job. It took all day. In summer it was very hot standing over the tank of hot water. It was hot standing up pressing the iron into the clothes and sheets.



How I do laundry?

First, I **take** the basket of dirty clothes to the laundry room. I **have** a washer and dryer there.

Next, I **sort** the clothes. I **put** the white clothes together. I put the light colored clothes together, and I put the dark colored clothes together. I **make** 3 piles of clothes.

Then I put one of the piles of clothes into the washer.

When they are **finished** washing, I put them in the dryer, and I **add** another pile of clothes to the washer.

Finally, I take the clothes out of the dryer and **fold** them.



Who is sorting the clothes?
Who is folding the clothes?



Who is sweeping the floors?
Who is scrubbing the floors?





Who is plowing?
Who is milking?



When you tell or write instructions, you use words like, “first”, “next”, “then”, and “finally”.

Tell how to do laundry. Use some of these words.

A Laundry Problem

It is Saturday afternoon. Silvia is going to the laundromat on Lincoln Street. She needs to wash her clothes. Silvia doesn't like going to the laundromat. She doesn't like sitting and waiting. It is boring.

There are many people inside the laundromat. Everyone is washing clothes. Silvia has two loads of laundry. One load is for colors, and the other is for whites. But there is only one empty washing machine.

Silvia thinks, “I don’t want to wait for another machine. My loads are small. I will put them together in one machine. I will save money!”

Silvia opens the machine. She puts in detergent. She puts in a white sweater, red pants, and many other clothes.

The washing machine stops after thirty minutes. Silvia opens it and takes out her clothes.

Oh no! Her white sweater isn't white anymore. It's pink! Washing the whites and colors together is not a good idea. And it isn't cheaper. Now she needs to buy a new white sweater.

Tell this story in your own words.