

## Lesson 68: Housework

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### 1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Miho: (on the phone) Hi, Agatha. I'm in need of a plumber. Do you know anyone?

Agatha: I can give you my plumber's number. Can't your husband fix it?

Miho: He tried but it's still leaking. Are you guys going to the school meeting tonight?

Agatha: I don't think I can. I don't have a baby sitter. What about you?

Miho: Me neither. I was hoping you'd go to the meeting and I'd just get some information from you.

Agatha: I'm sorry, Miho. I can't talk right now. I **have my hands full with three children** and whatnot.

Mho: Oh, I'm sorry. I've got to go anyway. Talk to you later.

### 2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. I can't ask Ben for help. He **has his hands full with managing his business**.

2. I can't help you right now, Jack. I **have my hands full with work and family**.

3. A: My boss has given me another assignment. I don't know how I can finish it in time. B: You should have told him that you still **have your hands full with preparations** for the conference.

\* have one's hands full with ... / ...で手が一杯である、極めて忙しい

### 3. Your Task

You hired a cleaner today because of your busy schedule. Tell the cleaner (=your tutor) what you want done in your house.

### 4. Let's Talk

What are your chores at home? If you could hire someone to do your chores, would you do it? Why or why not?

In Japan, is it customary for the women to do chores?

Should men do their part in doing house chores?

### 5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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