

Lesson 68: Housework

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1. Dialogue

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

Laura: (on the phone) I'll be late so you'll have to make dinner. First, you have to cook the rice. Do you know how to do that?

Ryota: Of course, I do.

Laura: I have some beef marinating in the fridge. Just sear it in a hot pan.

Ryota: Sear? Does that mean fry?

Laura: Yes, it means frying. But don't use too much oil or it will splatter all over the stove. After cooking, you have to clean up.

Ryota: Scrub the pots and pans. Got it!

Laura: That's not all. Kindly give the dog a bath. He's **stinking up** the house.

Ryota: So that's what's been smelling bad all day. Can I just take him to the dog groomer?

Laura: Oh, alright. The dog could also use a trimming.

Ryota: Great! I'll take him to the shop now. Since I'm going out, I'll grab something to eat. That way, we both won't have to worry about messing up the kitchen.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. These rotten eggs are **stinking up** the fridge. Why haven't you thrown them away?
2. I don't want to keep pets anymore. The last time I had a cat, it **stank up** my apartment.
3. Please don't smoke in front of me. You'll **stink up** my clothes and hair.

* stinking up ... /...に悪臭を放つ

3. Your Task

Your co-worker is not a clean person. You are annoyed when he/she leaves dishes in the office kitchen or leaves leftover food in the refrigerator for days. His/her desk is also a mess at all times so reports always get lost. Tell your co-worker (=your tutor) about your observations. Give him/her some advice on keeping things clean in the office.

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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