

A domestic disagreement - Glossary

big deal interjection

used for showing that you do not think that something is very good or impressive
So she got a part in the school play? Big deal!

chore noun [count]

an ordinary job that must be done regularly
You can go and play after you've done your chores.

course noun

one of the parts of a meal
They do a two-course lunch for £4.99.

crumb noun [count – usually plural]

very small piece that falls off a dry food such as bread or cake
He brushed the crumbs from his jacket.

DIY noun [uncount]

do-it-yourself: the activity of making or repairing things for your home instead of paying someone to do them for you

do the washing-up phrasal verb

the activity of washing the dishes and other things used for a meal
Who's going to help me do the washing-up?

dusting noun [uncount]

to wipe the dust off the surface of something such as furniture
Elaine has already Hoovered and dusted.

exhausted adjective

extremely tired and without enough energy to do anything else
The exhausted skiers are looking forward to a good night's sleep.

fair adjective

if a situation is fair, everyone is treated equally and in a reasonable way
Life is not always fair.

get a move on

used for telling someone to hurry
Get a move on or we'll miss our flight.

Hoover[®] trademark

a vacuum cleaner - a piece of electrical equipment that cleans floors by sucking up dirt

how come phrase

used when you want to know why something has happened or why a particular situation exists
How come you're not at work today?

light bulb noun [count]

a glass object that you put in an electric light to produce light.

make a start phrasal verb

to begin doing something
I'll make a start on the washing-up.

make the bed phrasal verb

to arrange the covers on a bed so that they are tidy
Remember to make your bed before you leave for school.

notice verb

to become conscious of someone or something by seeing, hearing, or feeling them
I noticed that the door was open.

pigsty noun [count]

a place that is very dirty or untidy

put up phrasal verb

to build something such as a wall, fence, or house
John was in the garden putting a fence up.

queue noun [count]

a line of people waiting for something in a shop or similar place.
There was a long queue for tickets.

run out phrasal verb

to use all of something and not have any left
Many hospitals are running out of money.

share noun [uncount]

a part of the total amount of work or responsibility of several people
He does his share of the cooking.

turn noun [count]

someone's turn is the time when they can or must do something, because they are with other people who are each doing the same activity one after the other
I'm sure it's your turn to wash the dishes.