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UNIT 1: FAMILY LIFE

GETTING STARTED

B. Listen and read

Nam: Hello, Minh.

Minh: Hi, Nam. How are you? I'm going to play football at our school stadium with a few friends this evening. Are you free to join us?

Nam: I'd love to, but I'm afraid I can't. I'm preparing dinner.

Minh: Really? Doesn't your mum cook?

Nam: Oh, yes. My mum usually does the cooking, but she's working late today.

Minh: How about your sister, Lan? Does she help with the housework?

Nam: Yes. She often helps with the cooking. But she can't help today. She's studying for her exams.

Minh: I see. I never do the cooking. It's my mother's job.

Nam: Really? So how do you divide the household chores in your family?

Minh: Mum is the homemaker, so she does the chores. My dad is the breadwinner, he earns money. And we, the kids, study.

Nam: Well, in my family, we divide the housework equally - Mum usually cooks and shops for groceries: Dad cleans the house and does the heavy lifting.

Minh: What about you and your sister?

Nam: My sister does the laundry. I do the washing-up and put out the rubbish. We also help with the cooking when our mum is busy.

Minh: That sounds fair! Anyway, I have to go now. See you later.

Nam: Bye. Have fun.

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Exercise 1: Read the conversation again and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F)..

	True	False
1. Nam's mother is cooking now.		
2. Everybody in Nam's family does some of the housework.		
3. The children in Minh's family don't have to do any housework.		