

# The washing machine.



## HOW TO WASH YOUR CLOTHES

### *The Washing Machine*

Billions of people don't have a washing machine. They have to wash all their clothes by hand. Do you know anybody who doesn't have a washing machine? Have you ever washed your clothes by hand? Have you ever spilled something like ketchup on your clothes and tried to wash it out? Many people don't even have water at home; they have to wash their clothes in a river, or if there is no river nearby, they have to find water and carry it to their homes.

About 150 years ago a man felt sorry for his wife who had to do all the washing by hand. He invented the first washing machine that could be used at home. It was his wife's birthday, so he created this machine for her. It was the first machine that could remove and wash the dirt away.

Do you feel sorry for the person in your house that always do the washing? Do you try to help that person by not making your clothes dirty? Do you think it is a good idea to help do the washing? Next time you turn on the washing machine think of the 5 billion people that still wash their clothes by hand.

### True or False?

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1. More than half the world's population doesn't have a washing machine. \_\_\_\_\_
2. It is easy to get dirt out of your clothes. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Washing clothes by hand is a fun activity. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Having a washing machine can make people happy. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I always help my mother with the washing. \_\_\_\_\_
6. I carry the washing for my mother. \_\_\_\_\_
7. I pack away my own washing. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Mom doesn't need help when she does the washing. \_\_\_\_\_