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Unit 6

Exercise 1

Complete the text with ONE suitable verb in each gap. Use the correct form of the verb according to the context.

Keeping a House Clean

Living in a house or a flat means that everyone should help with the household chores. Every morning, I (1) _____ my bed before leaving my room. After breakfast, I always (2) _____ the dishes and wipe the kitchen table.

At the weekend, my family usually (3) _____ the house together. My father (4) _____ the living room and bedroom carpets while my mother cleans the bathrooms. I usually (5) _____ the terrace floor with an old broom and my sister (6) _____ the furniture with a cloth.

On Saturdays, we also (7) _____ the laundry and later (8) _____ the clothes outside if the weather is good. Once they are dry, we (9) _____ them and (10) _____ them away in the wardrobes.

Outside the house, there are other jobs to do. We have to (11) _____ the grass in the garden and (12) _____ the plants. When everyone helps, the work is much easier and the house stays clean and tidy.

Exercise 2

Choose the most gender-neutral option to complete the sentences.

1. Every student must bring _____ own laptop to the lesson.
A. his
B. his or her
C. their
2. A good _____ serves drinks and listens carefully to the customers.
A. barman
B. bartender
C. barwoman
3. If a customer has a complaint, _____ should contact the help desk.
A. he
B. they
C. she
4. The _____ welcomed everyone to the conference and opened the debate.
A. chairman
B. chairman/woman
C. chairperson
5. _____ have been working for several hours to control the forest fire.
A. firefighters
B. firemen
C. fire workers
6. The _____ opening speech generated intense debate in Congress.
A. spokesman's
B. spokesperson's
C. spokeswoman's
7. The _____ explained the objectives of the new project to the team.
A. business executive
B. businesswoman
C. businessman
8. The _____ asked the driver for some information.
A. policeman
B. police officer
C. police man

Exercise 3

In sentences 1-8 find errors related to the use of gender-neutral language and make the necessary corrections.

1. Every employee should send his application before Friday.
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2. A doctor should always explain treatment options to his patients.
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3. The policeman stopped the driver because of speeding.
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4. Each student must write his name at the top of the page.
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5. The chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
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6. The businessman gave his opinion about the new company policy.
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7. Every passenger should keep his ticket until the end of the journey.
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8. When the play ended, the audience applauded the actors for five minutes.