

## SHOULD KIDS BE PAID FOR DOING CHORES?

Doing chores is a part of life for kids everywhere! In Japan, kids help with cooking and laundry. In Kenya, many help with farming and even walk hours to get fresh water. Maybe in your own home, you clean up after dinner, walk the dog, or fold laundry. But should kids be paid for chores? That depends on the family—and the culture! In the United States, United Kingdom, and Russia, between 44–60% of families pay their kids an allowance for doing chores. But in places like Japan and Kenya, kids are expected to help as part of the family. Some believe chores are just family responsibilities, while others see them as extra work that deserves a reward.

### How many kids ... ?

Empty trash	55%
Wash dishes	56%
Carry in groceries	68%
Clean their room	77%
Feed their pets	78%

### What do you think?

Do certain chores deserve more payment than others?

If kids are paid for chores, does that mean chores are optional?  
If kids don't need the money, can they say no?

### YES, KIDS SHOULD BE PAID FOR CHORES

Allowances can motivate kids to help around the house, giving parents less work to do and teaching children important life skills. Many kids want to save for new games or toys, so they finish chores quickly or ask for extra tasks. If kids do the work, they should get paid—just like adults are paid for performing their job. This way, kids learn that they need to work hard in order to have money for fun activities. As they grow up, they'll be ready to save and spend responsibly!

### NO, KIDS SHOULDN'T BE PAID FOR CHORES

Kids are part of the family and should help out like everyone else. Why should parents pay kids to clean a room that the kids made messy? Not paying for chores teaches responsibility—after all, no one pays adults to clean their own rooms! Plus, chores aren't just about money; they show respect for a family and help keep homes clean and comfortable for everyone.