

International Conversation Afternoon

Gender Roles

Look at the list of tasks below.

In your culture, who normally does these tasks?

Is it usually the man, the woman or both?

Be prepared to talk to the other members of your group about who does these tasks in your culture.

- Earn money
- Take care of other relations
- Help the children with their homework
- Take care of the pets
- Drive the car
- Clean the house
- Fix things around the house when they break
- Take care of the children
- Cook
- Do the food shopping



Discussion

Think about the questions below. Discuss your ideas with your group.

- Is it easy to separate the tasks of men and women within your society?
- In which situations might men and women change tasks?
- Are the tasks of men and women different to when your parents were young?
- As they grow up, are children treated differently because they are a girl / a boy?
- Are girls taught different things to boys as they grow up? For example how to cook, how to sew, how to look after children. Who teaches them these things? What different things are boys taught?
- Is it acceptable for girls to try activities that are traditionally 'male'? What about boys trying 'female' activities?
- Are things changing in your culture? How do you see the roles of men and women in the future?