

Tidying Up: Fun Ways to Clean Your Room

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Use imperative verbs to give and follow simple cleaning instructions correctly.
- Identify and use eight key vocabulary words related to household chores.
- Compose a short sequence of steps to describe a cleaning routine.

VOCABULARY

Word	Definition	Example
Tidy (verb)	To make a place neat and organized by putting things in their proper places.	<i>I need to tidy my desk before I start my homework.</i>
Organize (verb)	To arrange things in a structured or orderly way.	<i>Please organize your toys by color.</i>
Dust (verb)	To remove small particles of dirt from a surface using a cloth.	<i>Can you dust the television screen?</i>
Fold (verb)	To bend something, like cloth or paper, so that one part covers another.	<i>I learned how to fold my t-shirts today.</i>
Shelf (noun)	A flat board fixed to a wall or in a cupboard for objects to rest on.	<i>Put the books back on the top shelf.</i>
Drawer (noun)	A box-shaped container in a piece of furniture that slides in and out.	<i>My socks are in the bottom drawer of the dresser.</i>
Laundry (noun)	Clothes, sheets, and towels that need to be washed or have just been washed.	<i>There is a pile of dirty laundry in the corner.</i>
Clutter (noun)	A collection of things lying about in an untidy mass.	<i>We must clear the clutter off the dining table.</i>

GRAMMAR & KEY CONCEPTS

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Imperatives for Instructions

Imperatives are used to give orders, warnings, or instructions. They use the base form of the verb and usually do not have a subject.

- *Fold your clothes.*
- *Open the drawer.*
- *Don't touch the dust!*

READING PASSAGE

Leo looked at his bedroom floor and sighed. There was so much **clutter** that he could not even see the blue carpet! His mother walked into the room and said, "Leo, it is time to **tidy** your space before dinner." First, she told him to pick up his colorful clothes. "Please **fold** your shirts and put them away neatly," she instructed. Leo looked at his desk next. It was very messy with papers and crayons. He needed to **organize** his pens and notebooks so he could find them for school tomorrow. Next, he grabbed a soft cloth to **dust** the top of his wooden **shelf**. It was covered in thin gray spots! After that, he opened a large **drawer** to hide his favorite comic books and toys. Finally, he gathered all his dirty socks from under the bed. "Don't forget to put them in the **laundry** basket!" his mom called out from the hallway. Leo felt happy. Now his room was clean and he could finally play his games.

PRACTICE EXERCISES

1. What do you do with a shirt to make it small and neat?

- A) Dust
- B) Fold
- C) Clutter

2. Where do you usually put books or trophies?

- A) Laundry
- B) Drawer
- C) Shelf

3. Which word means a lot of messy things on the floor?

- A) Clutter
- B) Organize
- C) Tidy

4. Which sentence is a negative imperative?

A) Clean your room.

B) Don't drop your socks.

C) I am cleaning.