



Unit VIII The Worlds of Work and Play
Lesson 2 Home Work

Gimme a Clue Answer Sheet

Check your answers on the **Gimme a Clue Worksheet** with the **Answers** below. Write any different answers above yours. Read the article again, using the new answers.

By examining domestic work, skills, and crafts, you uncover **traditional learning** in your own home and daily life. You can identify experts at home and in the region whose skills contribute to building family life and community. Domestic crafts vary from home to home and regionally, and you will study domestic crafts around the state. You will examine how gender and age relate to domestic work and analyze where you fit in the scheme of work around the home.

Work around the home is an integral part of domestic and family folklife, conveying skills, values, ways of behaving, responsibility, and connectedness. Gender and age often play a big role in assignment of tasks and responsibilities. Households harbor master craftspeople, cooks, repair experts, caregivers, musicians, or gardeners. Children learn traditionally by observation and imitation from everyone in their households. Some domestic skills are overlooked as areas of expertise or dismissed as "women's work" yet require practice, patience, and skill, whether baking biscuits, building a shed, tatting lace, or managing a scout troop. As in work outside the home, elements of play enter domestic work as well. Quilting can be entertaining as well as useful; building something by hand is satisfying; telling stories while doing household chores makes the work go faster; planning and tending a garden offers year-round aesthetic and practical rewards.