

Reading

1. Read about the Ellis family. Do you know a family like this?

A Family Business

In most families, the parents go off to work every morning and come home at night. The children go to school all day, and then hang out with friends or go to after-school activities. The Ellis family is unusual. The children and the parents work in the family business every day. They have a flower shop called Flowers by Ellis and they all have jobs to do.

The parents, Howard and Heidi Ellis, spend all day at the store. Howard drives the delivery truck. He also takes phone orders and talks to customers. Heidi arranges the flowers into beautiful bouquets. She is also the business manager. She keeps business records and does the banking.

Sixteen-year-old David is the after-school delivery person. On weekdays, he picks up orders at the store and delivers them to customers. He just got his driver's license last month and he likes driving. He also helps unload the delivery trucks that bring the flowers to the store.

Twelve-year-old Tara is the cleaning person. Every day after school she cleans the floor and collects the trash. She washes the windows once a week. At 6 o'clock the store closes, the family goes home and has dinner together. The children do their homework and the parents take care of household duties. David says, "We all work hard. We know that each one of us is important to the success of the business. We are proud of what our family has done."

2. Write the name of the person(s) who does each job.

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| 1. <u>Tara</u> | collects the trash |
| 2. _____ | arranges flowers |
| 3. _____ | calls customers on the phone |
| 4. _____ | washes the windows |
| 5. _____ | delivers flowers to customers |
| 6. _____ | keeps business records |

