



Icee: What's up, Mardie? You look like your carrying the weight of the world on your shoulders.

Mardie: Yeah, it's my husband. He's such a mama's boy. He doesn't even lift a finger to help me do the house chores.

Icee: That's terrible. My husband is just the opposite. He's more than willing to give me a hand with the housework .

Mardie: You're so blessed. You have Mr. Right with you. I've been married for three years and my husband hasn't bought me a present.

Icee: Have you tried talking to his family about the situation? Surely they can help.

Mardie: Well, my husband is the apple of their eyes. As far as they are concerned, he can do no wrong. He does nothing ... Oh, there's one thing; he drinks everyday after work with his buddies.

Icee: Gosh! It sounds like you're being condemned for life. Whether you stay or walk out on him, I think, it does not matter to him.

Mardie: Yeah, I think I can't handle it anymore. It's an unhappy relationship.

Vocabulary: Fill in the blank with the correct phrase.

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1. When everything falls apart in your life, you're like ____.
2. Many husbands nowadays _____ with the housework.
3. Often, when couples are having serious marital problems, one of the spouses will _____ the other.
4. Even though he was married, he would call his mother. He is a _____.
5. His parents like him very much than the other siblings. He is an _____.

Debate :

Do you agree or disagree on the following statements:

1. Women are good at taking care of the children and doing housework. They should not work outside home.
2. Men are naturally good at earning money. They should not help do the housework.
3. Men are stronger than women so they should be more likely to be a leader in a company or country.