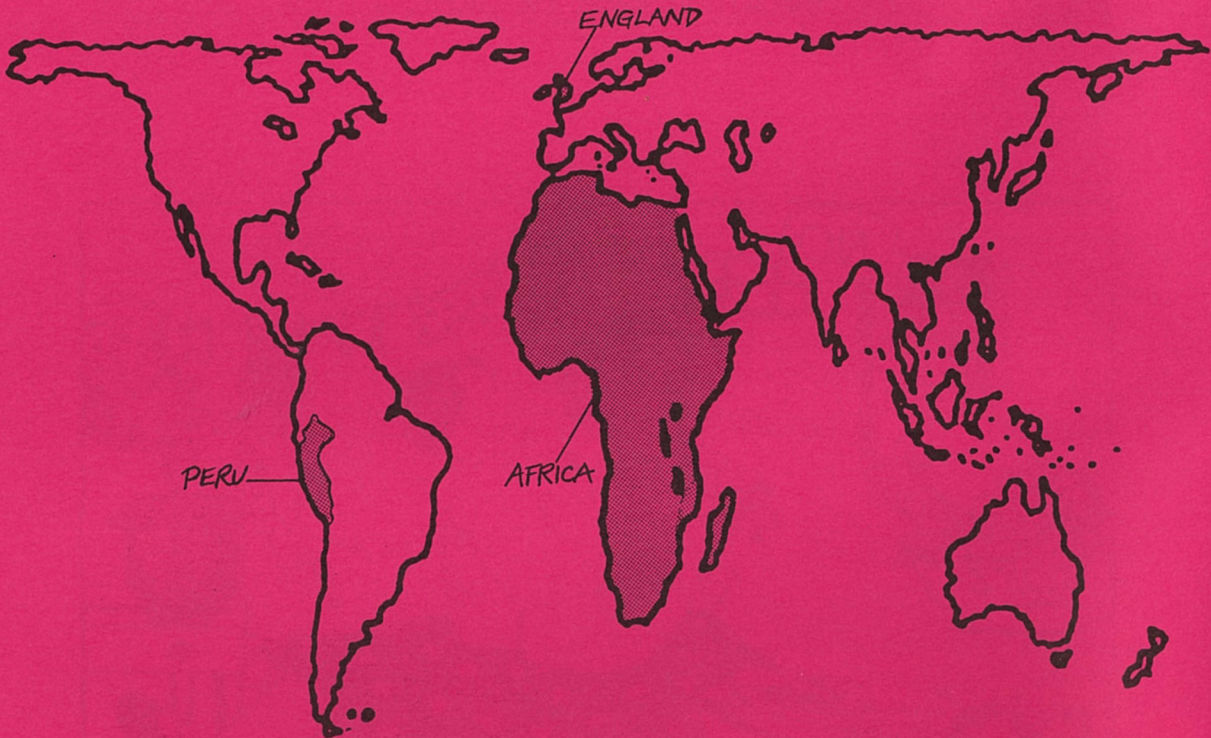




Women's Days



This booklet is one in a series of eight. Together they make up a women's kit. Each booklet is made up of material about women's lives from the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa and England. The themes of the booklets are:

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| Women's Days | Finding Paid Work |
| Childcare | Working Conditions |
| Health | Violence in the Home |
| Housework | Women Working Together |

The kit is intended for use by women in English as a Second Language classes, literacy groups and other women's groups. We hope the kit will help women to get together to think and talk about their lives.

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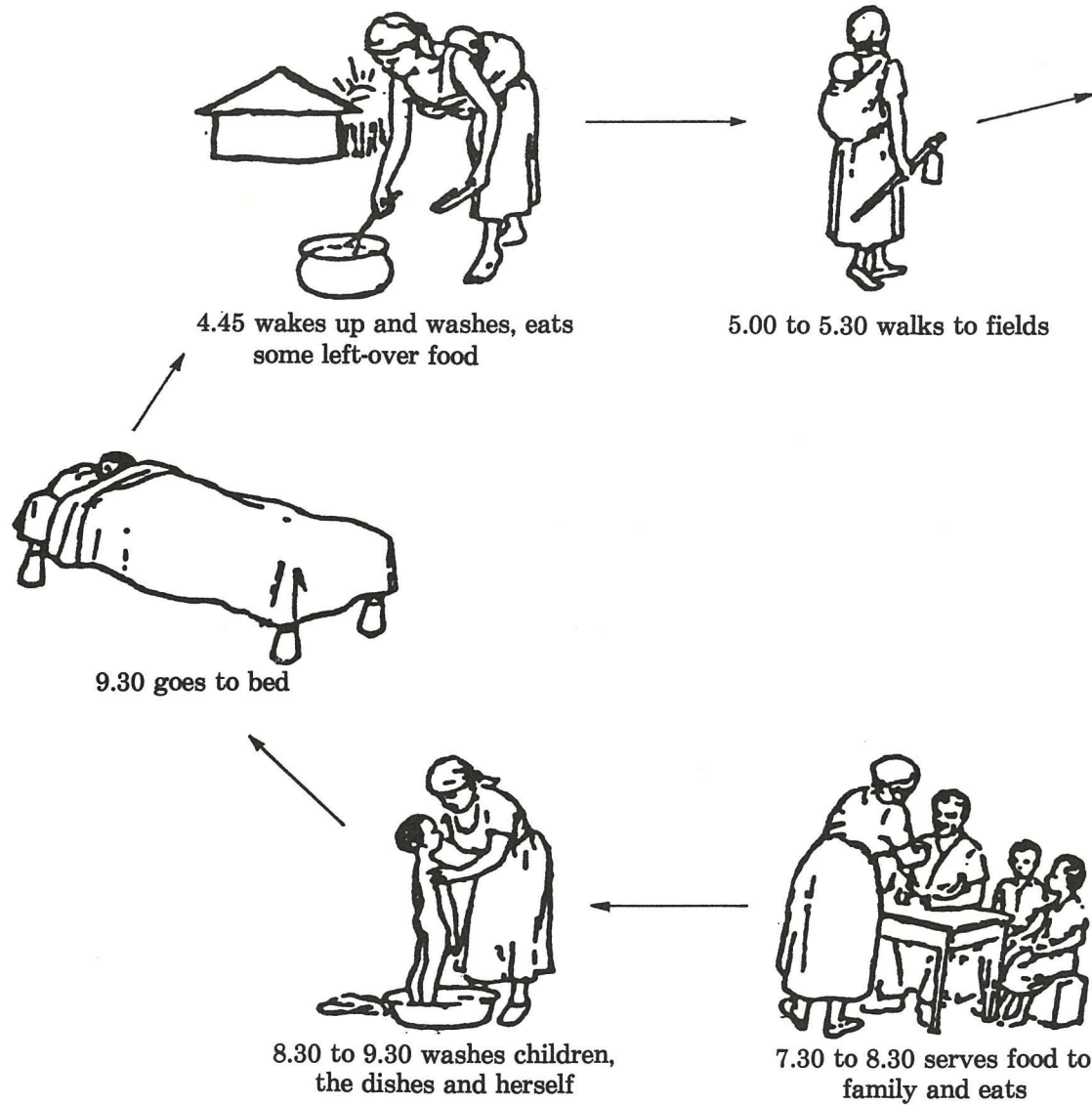
Women's days are often long.

Women clean the house, care for the children and feed their families.

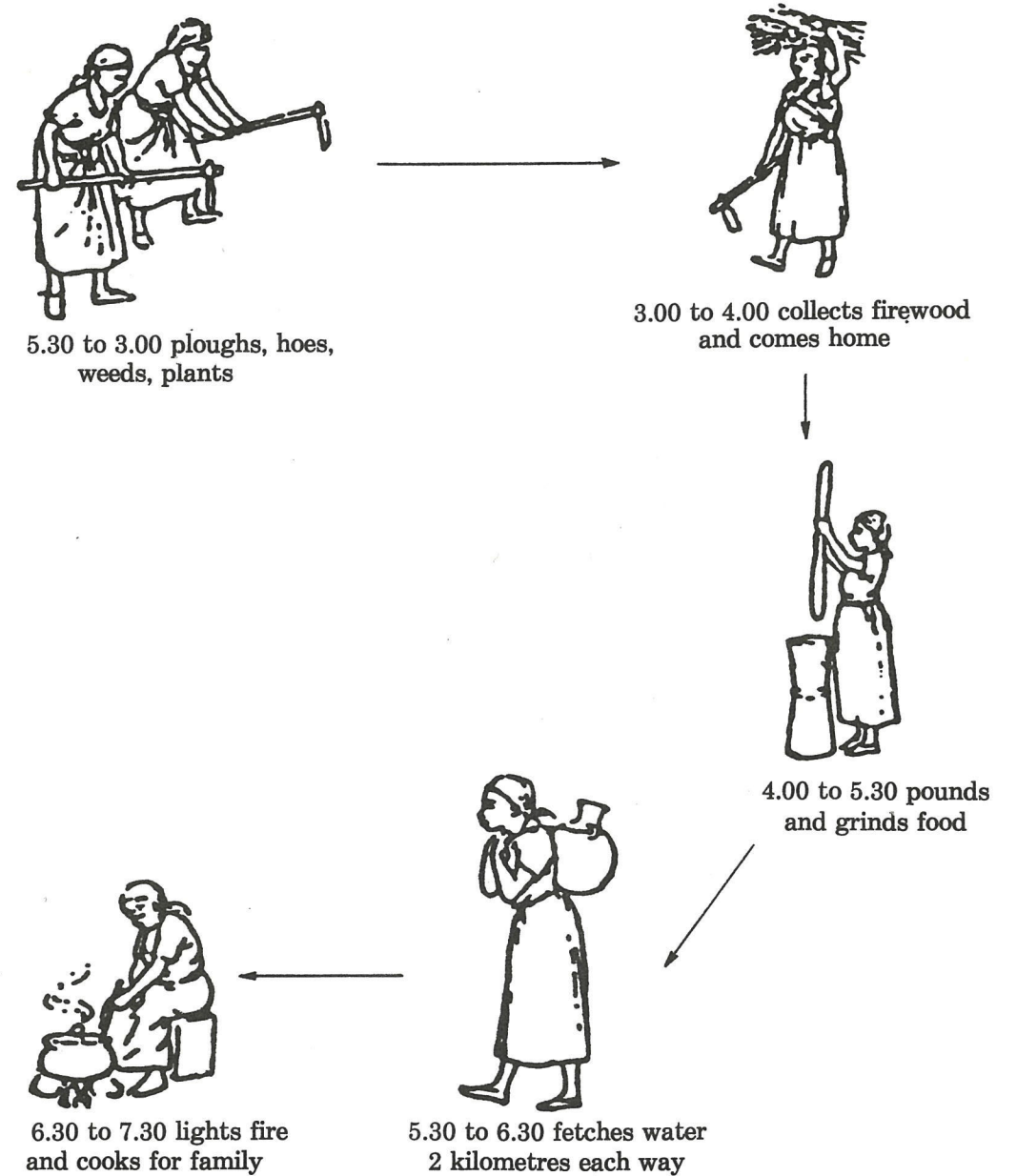
Many women do all these things and also grow food, or work outside the home.

This book shows what some women from Africa, Peru and England do all day.

Some women in rural Africa grow food for their families to eat. Sometimes they also grow food to sell so that they have money to buy things. They often walk a long way for firewood, for water and to farms.

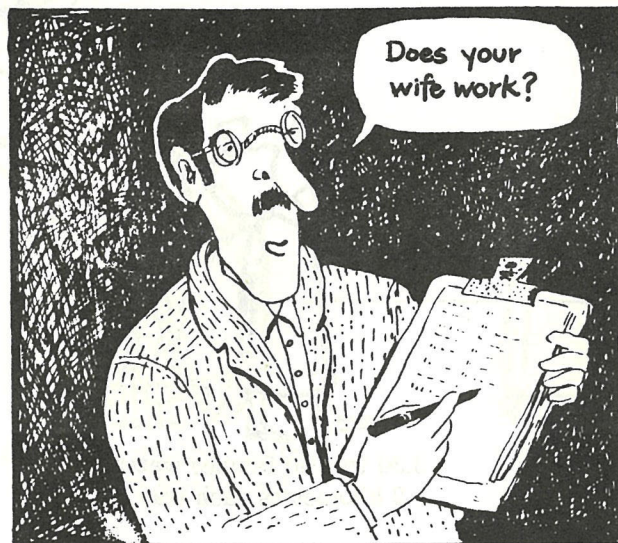
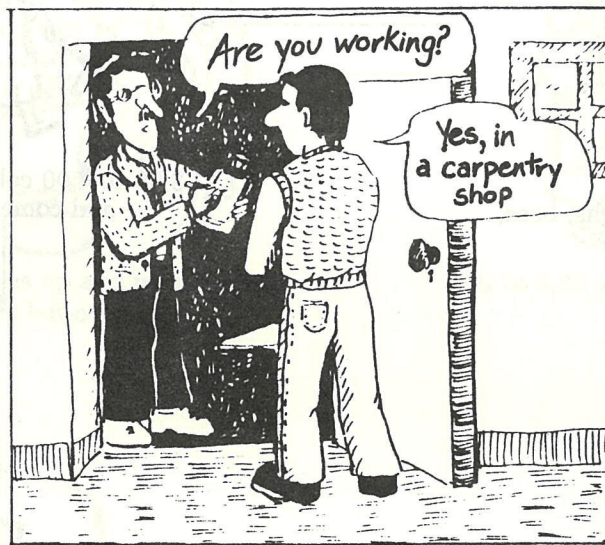


From: Women of Africa today and tomorrow, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa



Some women in Peru are homemakers. They work at home.

From: All Women Work, Flora Tristan, Peru



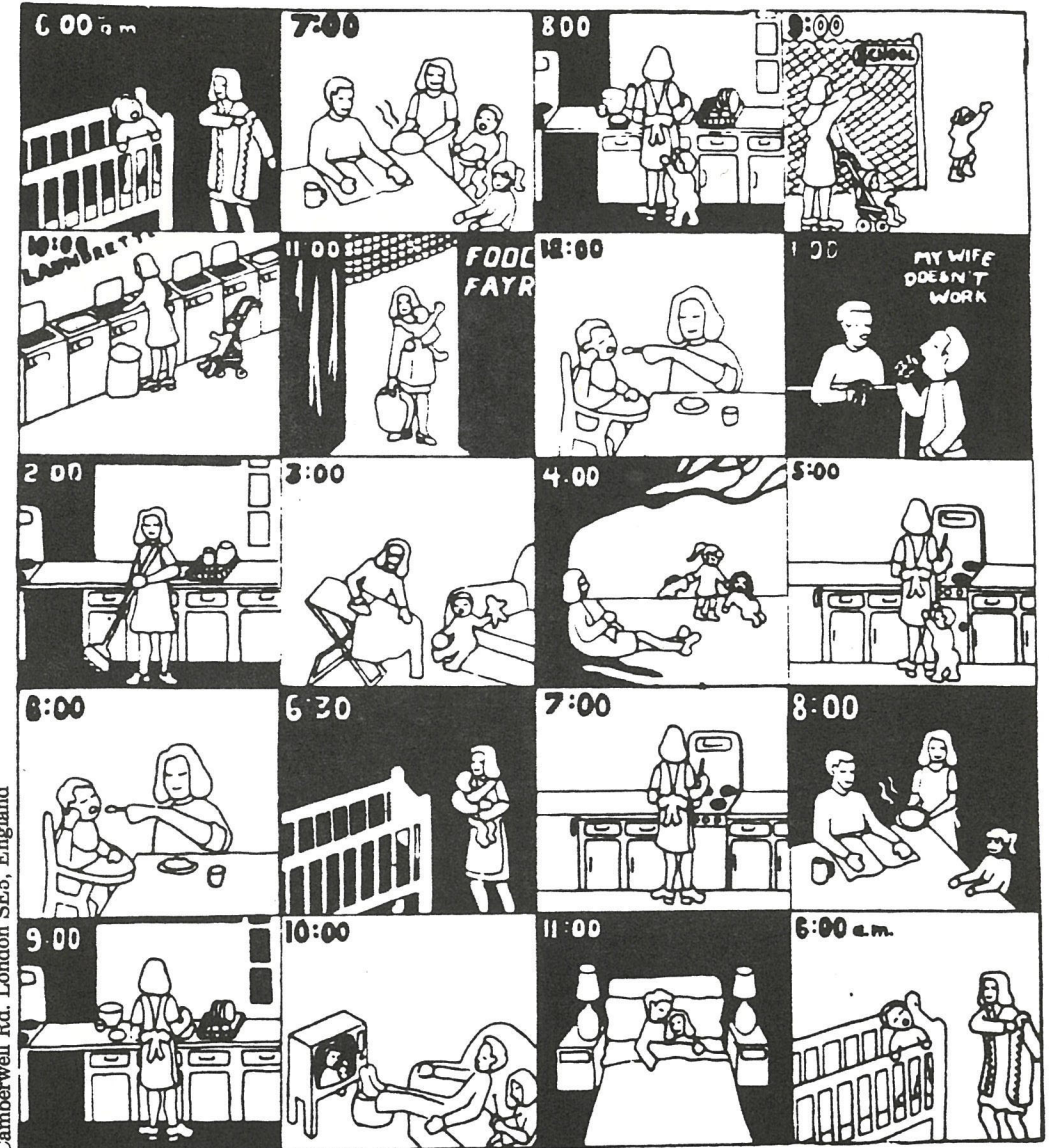
One housewife from England describes her day like this

From: *I Want to Write it Down*, Peckham Publishing Project, England

My Job

I am a full time housewife.
I work round the clock.
I get no pay for what I do.
I wash, cook, clean, iron and shop.
I have no holidays.
Sometimes I feel discouraged.
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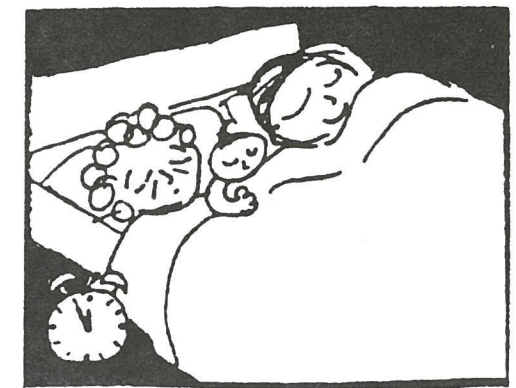
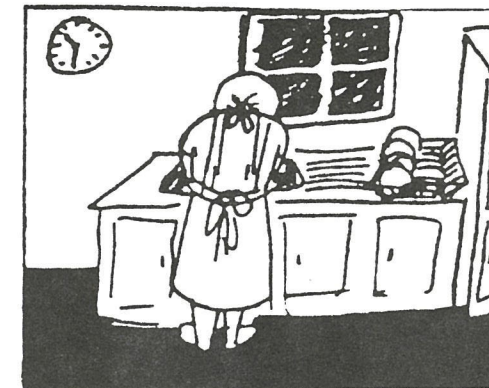
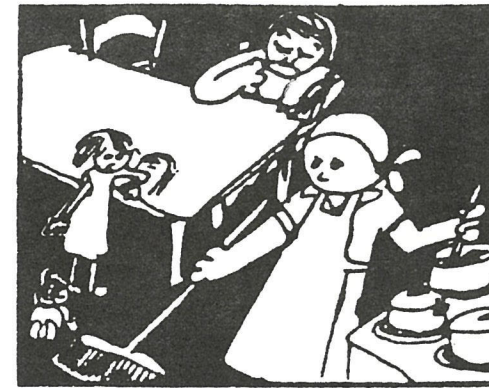
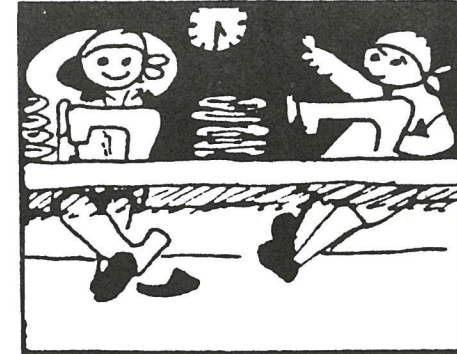
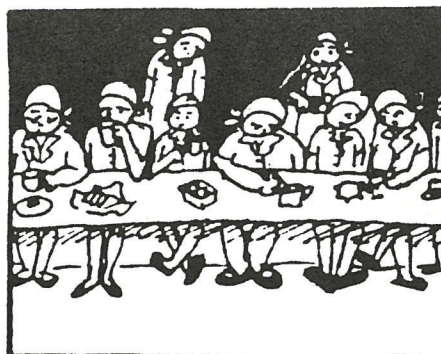
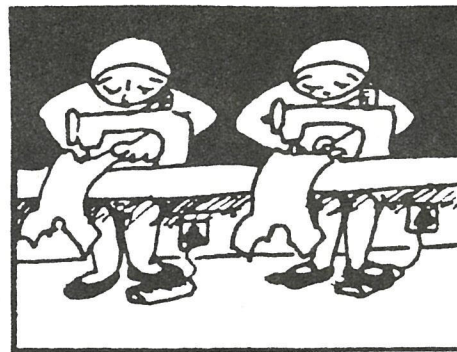
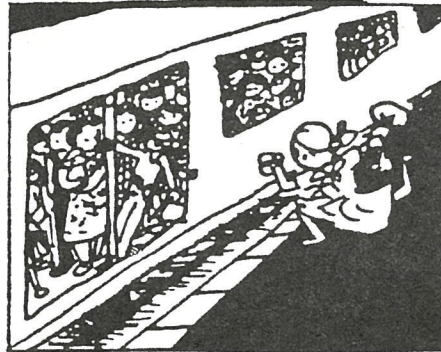
My Wife Doesn't Work



Poster from: SEE RED Women's Workshop 90A
Camberwell Rd. London SE5, England

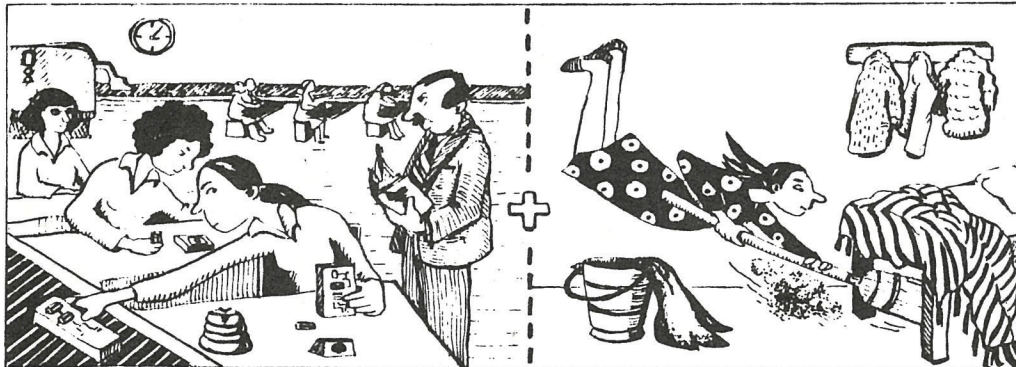
Many women in South Africa go out to work just as women do in many other countries. They also work in the home.

From: SPEAK, South Africa



Many women around the world go out to work and work at home. This is called a 'double day'. Women in Peru describe this.

From: *All Women Work*, Flora Tristan, Peru



≡ Double day!



In Canada some women are homemakers. Many women also work outside the home. They do a 'double day'. Women often support children alone. Even if women need to find paid work they may not be able to.

From: All Women Work, Flora Tristan, Peru

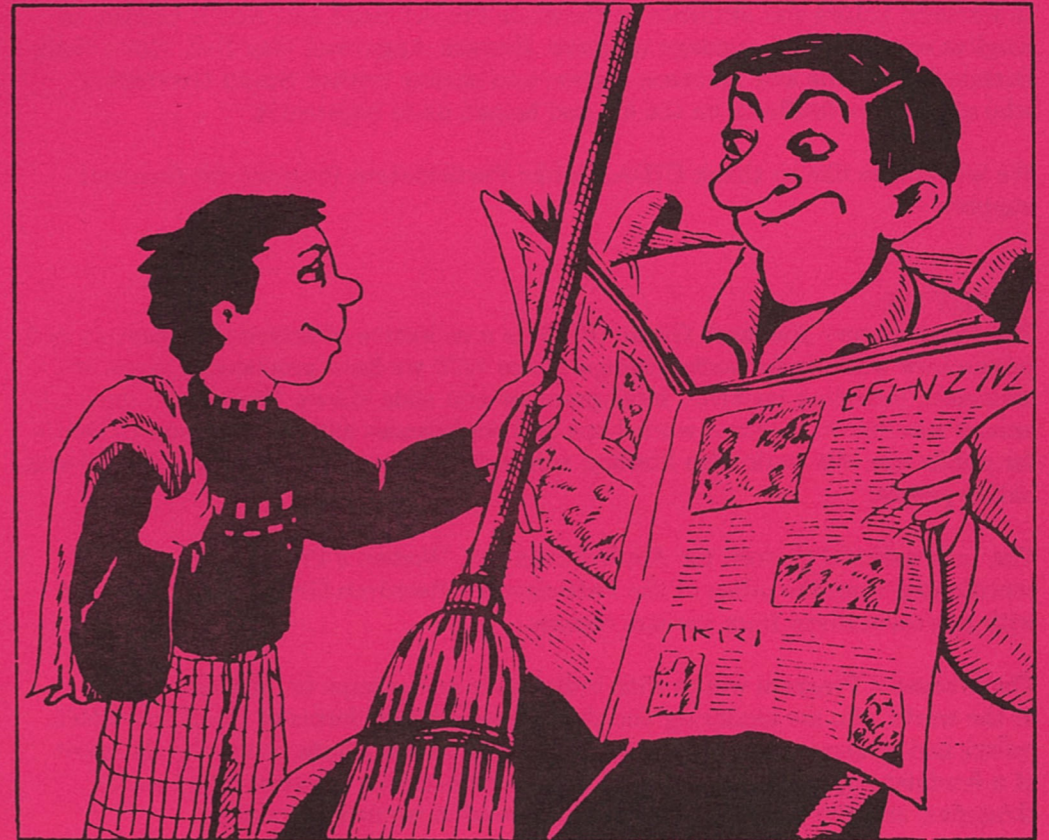
All women work, but they work in different ways. Some women work in the countryside, some women work in the city. Some women do work that they can do in between their housework. They sell food at the market or do laundry for others.

Some women wash clothes, cook, or care for children. They work, but they are not paid. Some young women do this work for relatives. They are often not paid.

When work is not paid we do not call it a job. So when people do research to see how many men and women are working, the women who work at home for their family are not counted. But we all know that housekeeping and caring for the family is hard work. Housework is a job, even though we do not call it that. If we want to go out we have to find someone to share the work and take care of the house until we come back.

When we work outside the house we know that our work day does not end when we get home.

Work at home is the work all women do. Very few men help. They think it is women's work. It takes long training to do housework well, but many men do not see this.



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