

REAL VOCABULARY AT HOME VOCABULARY

In the bedroom:

Comforter
Blanket
Accent chair
Ottoman or Footstool
Carpet
Blackouts
Desk
Runner Rug

In the bathroom:

Trash can
Flush
Toilet paper
Tissue
Q-tips
Wash cloth
Bathtub
Shower curtain
Hand soap
Shampoo
Conditioner
Body Wash
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Mouthwash
Floss
Hairbrush
Comb
Robe
Hairdryer
Straightener or Flat
Iron Curling iron

Bath rug
Tampons
Pads
Plunger

In the kitchen:

Garbage disposal
Coffee Maker
Toaster
Blender
Dining Table
Tablecloth
Table runner
Chandelier
Stools
Cups
Glasses
Plates
Silverware or Utensils – Forks, Knives, Spoons, Serving Spoons
Dish towels
Dish soap
Sponge
Dishwasher
Paper Towels
Trash can
Pantry
Placemat

In the Living room:

Stair tread rugs
Love seat
Decorations – Flowers, Picture Frames, Sculptures
Lamps

In the Laundry room:

Sink
Vacuum
Clothesline
Clothespins
Starch (goma de roupa para deixar a roupa dura)

Broom
Mop
Lysol Spray
Clorox Wipes
Bucket
Rag (Pano de chão)
Squeegee (Rodo)

Texto: Today is the day to faire le ménage!

Whaaaaaat? Faire le ménage!? – Yes, my dear! That’s the first thought that crossed my mind before I could even open my eyes this morning. My freshly washed white cotton pillowcase and bedsheets felt so cozy.

I was so tucked in that, it felt as if my comforter was grabbing me and keeping me on a never-let-me-go embrace. Oh! What about the ménage!? Calm down, folks! This is not some weirdo, X-rated, kinky story of a dude who wakes up thinking of X-rated, kinky stuff while rolling in bed!

Before you fall off of your chair, couch, armchair, bed or hit your head on the headboard because you don’t speak French, know that “faire le ménage” means find your glasses on the nightstand, get your booty off of the bed, walk to the bathroom, brush your teeth, comb your hair – you may shower if you will, I wouldn’t – slip into something comfy – less comfy than your jammies, s’il tu plaît! – walk into your kitchen, fix yourself a sandwich, a cup of coffee or some OJ, sit on a stool to make it quick, wipe the mess with some paper towels and off you go to the laundry room. There you will find the tools you will need to start your ménage: The Lysol spray, the Clorox wipes, the broom, the squeegee, the mop, the rags, and the vacuum cleaner.

I usually start in the living room. I vacuum the floor, the rug, the couch, dust the coffee table, the lamps, rearrange all cushions and accent pillows. Then I vacuum my way to the kitchen, the bedroom, and the bathroom. In the kitchen I make sure to wipe all counter tops, the stove, and the microwave.

I put all the dishes in the dishwasher and I run it. The bedroom is a bit trickier because I have a dog, Porkchop, who sheds like crazy,

leaving a lot of his hair stuck in the gap formed between the carpet and the baseboard. As soon as I'm done dusting the bedroom furniture and making my bed, I clean the toilet, tub, shower, and sink. I mop all floors and, last, but not least, I do my laundry. The clothes that I can't put in the dryer – because they would likely shrink – are hung on my clothesline with my wooden clothespins or hangers. There you go, folks, let's *faire le ménage* is the French way of saying let's "clean the house"! Not my favorite chore, but someone's got to do it!