



# What they can actually do

Sorted by what a child can genuinely manage on their own, without a grown-up standing behind them redoing it. Tick the ones that belong on your chart.

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| <b>4-5</b> One instruction, one place                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>8-9</b> A whole job, start to end                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>13-14</b> Runs it without reminding                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Put the toys back in the box<br><input type="checkbox"/> Carry their plate to the sink<br><input type="checkbox"/> Put dirty clothes in the basket<br><input type="checkbox"/> Match clean socks into pairs<br><input type="checkbox"/> Water one plant<br><input type="checkbox"/> Feed the pet while you watch<br><input type="checkbox"/> Lay out spoons and napkins<br><input type="checkbox"/> Put books back on the shelf<br><input type="checkbox"/> Wipe a low table<br><input type="checkbox"/> Choose tomorrow's clothes<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fetch things when asked<br><input type="checkbox"/> Close curtains at bedtime | <input type="checkbox"/> Load or empty the dishwasher<br><input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum one room properly<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fold and put away their laundry<br><input type="checkbox"/> Take the bins out<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sweep the kitchen floor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Make their own breakfast<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pack their own school bag<br><input type="checkbox"/> Wipe down the kitchen counters<br><input type="checkbox"/> Change their pillowcase<br><input type="checkbox"/> Walk the dog with an adult<br><input type="checkbox"/> Rake leaves or sweep a path<br><input type="checkbox"/> Put the shopping away | <input type="checkbox"/> Cook a full family meal<br><input type="checkbox"/> Do a complete laundry cycle<br><input type="checkbox"/> Clean the kitchen after dinner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Babysit a sibling for an hour<br><input type="checkbox"/> Do a shop from a written list<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mow and edge the lawn<br><input type="checkbox"/> Deep clean the bathroom<br><input type="checkbox"/> Wash and vacuum the car<br><input type="checkbox"/> Wash windows<br><input type="checkbox"/> Organise a cupboard or garage<br><input type="checkbox"/> Plan a meal and its shopping list<br><input type="checkbox"/> Manage their own homework diary |
| <b>6-7</b> A short sequence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>10-12</b> Trusted with the result                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make their own bed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Set the whole table<br><input type="checkbox"/> Clear and stack their plate<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sort laundry into lights and darks<br><input type="checkbox"/> Feed the pet alone<br><input type="checkbox"/> Water all the plants<br><input type="checkbox"/> Empty the small bins<br><input type="checkbox"/> Wipe the bathroom sink<br><input type="checkbox"/> Help carry the shopping in<br><input type="checkbox"/> Tidy their room to a checklist<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hang up their coat and bag<br><input type="checkbox"/> Butter their own toast                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Cook a simple meal, adult nearby<br><input type="checkbox"/> Clean the bathroom<br><input type="checkbox"/> Change their own bed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum the whole floor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Wash the car<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sort and take out recycling<br><input type="checkbox"/> Iron simple things<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mow a small lawn, adult present<br><input type="checkbox"/> Watch a younger sibling briefly<br><input type="checkbox"/> Clean out the pet's cage or tray<br><input type="checkbox"/> Water and weed the garden<br><input type="checkbox"/> Run a load of laundry           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

## Start one band below

If a job has never been done before, start with the band under their age. Success first, difficulty later.

## Not everything is paid

Looking after their own mess is part of living here. Paid work is the job that would otherwise be yours.

## Same job, same price

Set the rate once and leave it. Renegotiating every week is what turns an allowance into a haggle.

**Child Allowance**

Age-by-age job list · [childallowance.app/learn](#)

Set a job once in the app  
and it comes back on its  
own schedule.

