

# Laundry & Home Care: Sort, Wash & Care Label Study

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVE

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Students will correctly sort laundry, read clothing care labels, and complete a load of laundry independently.

## MATERIALS NEEDED

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- a basket of laundry (mixed colors/fabrics)
- access to a washer/dryer
- at least 3 clothing items with visible care labels
- notebook paper

## HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

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1. Gather a basket of laundry and sort it into at least 3 piles, such as whites, darks, and delicates/colors, explaining your sorting reasoning for each pile in writing.
2. Examine 3 different clothing care labels, sketch or copy the symbols you find, and research and write what each symbol means, such as wash temperature, dry method, ironing, or bleach.
3. Select the correct wash settings for one of your sorted loads based on the fabric and care labels, and start the wash with supervision if needed.
4. While waiting, write a short step-by-step how-to guide, 5-6 steps, for doing a load of laundry from start to finish, as if teaching a younger sibling.
5. When the load finishes, fold and put away your clean clothes correctly, noting any items that needed special care such as air-drying.

## QUESTIONS

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1. Why is it important to sort laundry by color before washing?
  2. What does a care label symbol showing a triangle with an X through it mean?
  3. Why might a clothing item need to be washed in cold water instead of hot?
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**4. List the 5-6 steps from your how-to laundry guide in order.**

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