

How to tell if your boyfriend is a slob

Tasks

Instructions

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises. You can also read the transcript.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary	Definition
1. guy	a. a lazy, untidy and often rude person
2. honey	b. the act of removing hair from the body, especially a man's face
3. slob	c. a device which releases water through small holes and which you stand under to wash your whole body
4. shower	d. becoming less active and more calm and happy
5. shave	e. something that looks dirty or untidy
6. bin	f. a name that you call someone you love or like very much
7. mess	g. a container for waste
8. relaxing	h. man (informal)

Task 1

Write a number (1–5) to put the topics in the order they are mentioned.

- resting
- seeing films etc. at home
- buying food
- housework
- personal hygiene

Task 2

Complete the sentences in indirect speech so that they exactly report the direct speech. Do NOT use contractions.

1. **Girlfriend:** What have you been doing?
She asked him what doing.
2. **Boyfriend:** I got a takeaway pizza.
He said a takeaway pizza.
3. **Girlfriend:** Have you had a shower?
She asked him a shower.
4. **Boyfriend:** I'm relaxing!
He said relaxing.
5. **Girlfriend:** Can you just tidy up a bit?
She asked him tidy up a bit.
6. **Boyfriend:** I'll do it later.
He said it later.

Discussion

What would you do if you had a boyfriend (or girlfriend) that was a slob?

Transcript

Girlfriend: Hello.

Boyfriend: All right.

Girlfriend: What have you been doing?

Boyfriend: Watching TV.

Girlfriend: Again?

Boyfriend: Yeah ...

Girlfriend: What have you eaten?

Boyfriend: I got a takeaway pizza.

Girlfriend: Have you had a shave?

Boyfriend: No.

Girlfriend: Have you had a shower?

Boyfriend: No.

Girlfriend: You haven't even changed your clothes!

Boyfriend: I'm relaxing!

Girlfriend: Look, this place is a mess.

Boyfriend: A mess?

Girlfriend: Yes. Look – you've got takeaway food boxes and empty drink cans everywhere.

Boyfriend: It's just home. It's my personal space.

Girlfriend: Well, it's also my personal space. Listen, honey, can you just tidy up a bit?

Boyfriend: Tidy up?

Girlfriend: Yes. You know. Put things in the bin. Wash up the dishes.

Boyfriend: OK. I'll do it later.

Girlfriend: Later when?

Boyfriend: Later.

Girlfriend: Do you know something? You're a slob.

Boyfriend: A what?

Girlfriend: A slob.

Boyfriend: I'm just an ordinary guy.

Girlfriend: No, you're not. You're a ...

Boyfriend: ... slob. I get it.

Answers

Preparation

1. h
2. f
3. a
4. c
5. b
6. g
7. e
8. d

Task 1

1. seeing films etc. at home
2. buying food
3. personal hygiene
4. resting
5. housework

Task 2

1. he had been
2. he had got
3. if he had had
4. he was
5. if he could | to
6. he would do