

Washing Day Quiz for Seniors

1. What two groups do you need to sort laundry into before washing?

(A) Whites and colors

2. Name the first washing powder starting with P?

(A) Persil

3. What day was traditionally the washing day?

(A) Monday

4. What was used before ironing to make doilies, men's collars and school uniforms crisp and smooth when ironed?

(A) Starch

5. What was the name of the big cast iron pot filled with water and heated from underneath by a fire? It also had a lid and a paddle to stir the washing and was usually outside?

(A) Copper - as the cast iron pot was lined with copper

6. What was another name for a mechanical wringer used to squeeze the water out of the washing starting with M?

(A) Mangle

7. In the 60's Hoover made a new washer that made wash days much easier it was called the Twin what?

(A) Tub

8. An old fashioned iron (before electricity) with a wooden handle and detachable iron bottoms used for pressing clothes was heated on the top of what?

(A) Wood stove

9. What was the process of sprinkling water over washed articles and rolling them up called before ironing?

(A) Dampening down

10. In the final rinse what was Reckitt's blue bag and its blue water supposed to do for all the white washing?

(A) Make the whites even whiter

11. Which washing machine in the 50s was known as the “poor man’s washing machine”?

(A) The Hoover Hand Wringer Washing Machine (because of its price and affordability)

12. What was an old fashioned washing soap called starting with S and named after a sunny day?

(A) Sunlight

13. When drying clothes on a rack inside the home, maybe even in front of the fire, what animal is the clothes rack named after?

(A) Clothes Horse

14. These days people live in apartments and units and don’t have room for a clothesline. How do they dry their clothes?

(A) Electric clothes dryer

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