

# The Way We Are

アルバイトとお手<sup>て</sup>伝<sup>だ</sup>い: Part-time Work and Helping at Home

📷:Photographer

## Washing the car



Keisuke talks cars—one of his favorite topics—as he helps his father wash the family car.

"Are we gonna wax it this time?"

📷 Katō Takanori, Hyōgo prefecture

## Hamburger shop



Asami works part-time at a hamburger shop three or four days a week after school. Her wage is ¥750 an hour.

"May I help you?"

📷 Ōsawa Megumi, Nagano prefecture

## Tolling the temple bell



Hideaki's family maintains a Buddhist temple.

His job is to ring the temple bell at six o'clock every evening.

"Ready and . . ."

📷 Sakai Akiko, Gifu prefecture

At the convenience store where she works, Eri is always smiling and takes special care to be thoughtful of customers.

"Okay, now it's all clean!"

📷 Yamamoto Mitsue, Osaka prefecture

## Convenience store



Yuka helps make New Year's *shimenawa*.  
Every year, her grandmother makes  
over 300 of the decorative ropes  
to sell and give to neighbors.  
"Grandma's hands move like magic."  
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おばあちゃんの手、  
まほう  
魔法の手みたい!

**Making *shimenawa*** (ceremonial straw rope)

冷蔵庫に  
おかずになるもの、  
なにかあったかな。



**Cooking dinner**

Big brother Jun'ichi preparing the evening meal.  
Our parents both work, so Jun'ichi and I fend for  
ourselves, taking turns at cooking and other chores.  
"I hope there's something  
in the fridge to go with this."  
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はい、  
おまちとおさま  
でした。

**Curry restaurant**



Shino is working towards her high school diploma by  
correspondence course and has classes on Saturdays only.  
On weekdays she works at a curry restaurant.  
"There you go!"

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Toshiya (left) has a part-time job delivering newspapers.  
Bitter cold and icy roads make it hard work in the snowy months.  
"Be careful! It's slippery here!"  
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すべるから、  
きをつけてるよ。

**Newspaper delivery**

Sakura scrubs the bathtub after dinner.  
Keeping the family bath clean is her job.  
"This bathtub gets dirty even if I scrub it every day."  
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**Cleaning the bath**



まいにちあら  
毎日洗っても、  
お風呂  
お風呂つけてっこう  
よご  
汚れるんだよね。