



- Icee:** What's up with you Mardie? You look like you carry the whole world.
- Mardie:** Yeah, it's my husband. He's such a mama's boy. He doesn't even lift a finger to help me do the house chores.
- Icee:** That's terrible. My husband is just the opposite. He's more than willing to give me a hand with the housework .
- Mardie:** It sounds like you hit the jackpot when you married him. I've been married for three years and my husband hasn't bought me a flowers yet.
- Icee:** Have you tried talking to his family about the situation? Surely they can help.
- Mardie:** Well my husband is the apple of their eyes. As far as they are concerned he can do no wrong. I agree on that idea because he does nothing at all. Oh, there's one thing he can do- he can drink every day after work with his buddies.
- Icee:** Gosh! It sounds like you are struck between a rock and a hard place. If you stay with him, it's only the same as if you walk out on him.
- Mardie:** I think I can't handle this anymore. It's an unhappy relationship.

Vocabulary: Fill in the blank with the correct phrase.

doesn't even lift a finger  
give someone a hand  
apple of one's eye  
can do no wrong

walked out on someone  
mama's boy  
between a rock and a hard place  
hit the jackpot

1. If you have two undesirable options when confronted with a situation, you could say that you are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Many husbands nowadays \_\_\_\_\_ with the housework.
3. Often, when couples are having serious marital problems, one of the spouses will \_\_\_\_\_ the other.
4. Even though he was married, he would call his mother.  
He was a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. His parents like him very much than the other siblings.  
He is \_\_\_\_\_.

Debate :

Do you agree or disagree in the following ideas:

1. Women are good at taking care of children and doing housework.  
They should not work outside home.
2. Men are naturally good at earning money. They should not help do the housework.
3. Men are stronger than women so they should be more likely to be a leader in company or the country