

Let's Pretend...Laundry

Are you ready
to pretend?
Let's go!



Close your eyes.
Now open them...





Where are we? Turn and tell a friend what you notice.



People do their laundry in all different places.



Let's pretend tomorrow is the first day of school and all our clothes are dirty and we have nothing to wear to school! **"It's the first day—I want to look nice!"**



We have to do some laundry! Pretend you have a load of dirty clothes. Pick up the basket. Now carry it to the washing machine. Pretend it's so heavy! "Oh-oh... Don't drop it!"



We have to put in laundry soap to get the clothes clean. “Open the cap. Oh, it’s really tight! Use your muscles to twist it. Does it feels stuck? Phew - There ... got it. It’s open!”



Pour the detergent in. Be careful; not too much! What do you think will happen if we use too much soap? Turn and tell a friend.



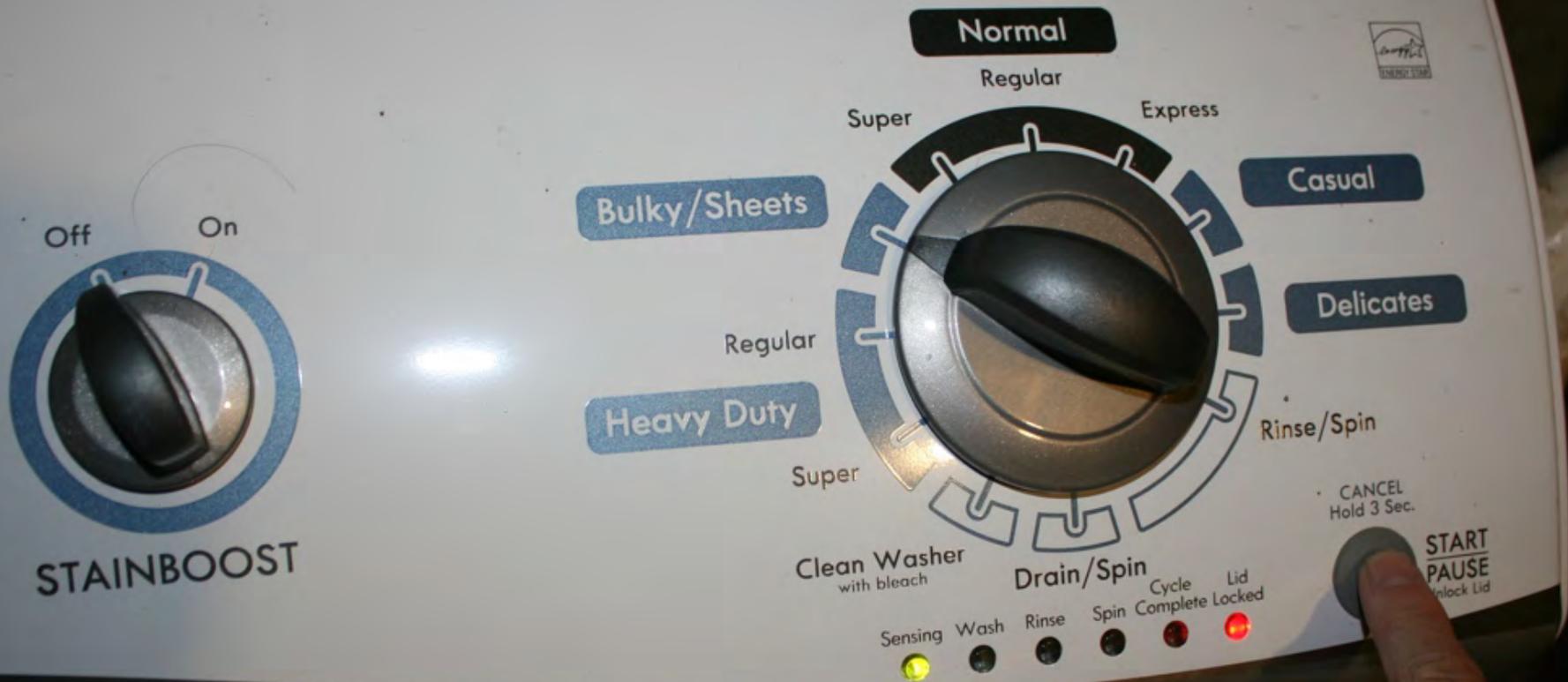
Do you think
it might
overflow? Or
make lots of
bubbles?



Let's put the dirty clothes in. Find your favorite shirt. Did you find it? Make sure you wash it for school. Put it in. Now find your pants and put them in.



Oh those socks are smelly! Hold your nose! Say “Phew, those stink!” Put them in quickly. Is your basket empty yet? Don’t forget to put the towels in so you’ll have a clean dry towel for after your bath!



Time to start the washer. I'm going to set the temperature - set your temperature too. I'll put it on cold so nothing shrinks. Do you know what would happen to my shirt if it shrunk?



This sweater used to fit me! Now it is too small for a doll! It shrunk and got all fuzzy in the washing machine.



Now the washer is washing the clothes. It's going swish, swish, wash, wash, wash, wash... "swish, swish, swish, wash, wash, wash." There are my jeans! Now I see my socks!



This is a lot of work! The wet clothes feel so heavy. Let's put one piece at a time in the dryer. Lift up your shirt and put it in the dryer. Now lift up your pants - don't forget your socks and the towels; they're so heavy!



Now we have to wait for the clothes to dry. Let's pretend our dryer makes a loud sound when it's done. Do you want it to beep or buzz? Let's count down the time and say it together. "3-2-1 Beeeep!" or "3-2-1 Bzzzz!"

Open the dryer and pull out the warm clothes. Pull out the towels, and your socks and don't forget the rest of your outfit! Turn and tell a friend what happens next.





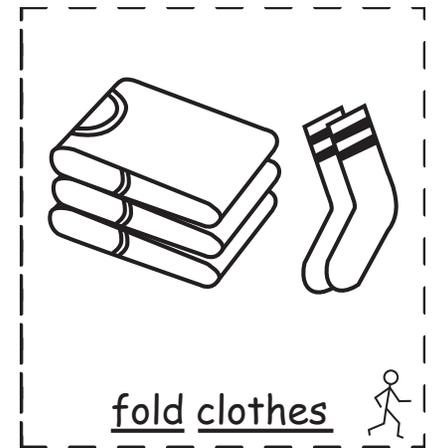
We have to fold the clothes and put them away. Let's do and say it together. First the shirt. Smooth and fold. Then the pants. Smooth and fold. What's next in the basket? Remember: Smooth and fold it!



Now our clothes are clean and we have something to wear to school!



Phew! It's a lot of work to do the laundry so we have our favorite clothes to wear. Can you remember all the steps we did? Use these pictures to help you remember. Turn and tell a friend.



That was fun pretending with you! When you play next, maybe you can pretend to wash clothes in the laundry center.

Now it's your
turn to pretend!

