

Suggested Answers to Concept Exercise #1

1.
 - a) Fred is not doing a fair share of the work.
 - b) Because furniture-making is a hobby, Fred shouldn't get any credit for it.
 - c) She works as long hours as Fred.
2. That Wilma does not know how to make furniture
3.
 - a) They should share the housework equally, especially now that she is working full time.
 - b) She is willing to test Fred's view that he does his fair share of the work by switching tasks with him.
 - c) Housework is a necessity; hobbies are not.
 - d) Her cats will not help out on vacuuming chores.
4. Wilma sees Fred's furniture-making as expendable; Fred sees Wilma's cats as expendable.

Explain: It seems balanced to leave both of these more personal interests out of the equation when developing a list of chores.
5. Because Fred doesn't seem to appreciate the importance of her job to her. Wilma's work probably means more to her than just an increase in family salary. In this regard, having Fred compare their salaries could be quite hurtful. By suggesting her proposal, Wilma may be indirectly asking for Fred's respect.