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Ans. Invisible means unable to be seen. The main responsibility for housework and care-giving tasks, like looking after the family, especially children, the elderly and sick members, lies with women. These work that women do within the home is not recognised as work and remain invisible.

Physically demanding means very tough and difficult task that requires lot of efforts. Housework actually involves many different tasks. A number of these tasks require heavy physical work such as fetching water from far off places, carrying head loads of firewood, washing clothes, cleaning, sweeping etc.

Time consuming means work that takes a lot of time. Housework and care-giving tasks, like looking after the family, especially children, the elderly and sick members, lies with women. These work that women do are very time consuming.