

POCKET ROCKETS

Jessica Simpkins, a student at Bell's Secondary School, talks about how working to save money can make you feel good. I've never really liked the idea of saving money. I've always liked spending what I have. I didn't see how saving a few pounds every month would help pay for anything. Especially something expensive, like that new laptop I need.

(1) My laptop's so old now. It's missing the 'A' key and it loses power after twenty minutes. It's so frustrating to use. I spoke to my mum and dad about it and they made their position very clear. They weren't going to buy me a new one, or increase my pocket money if I did nothing to help at home. They said I had to work for it.

I couldn't believe it. I'm a student, I thought, I shouldn't have to work. But deep down I knew I was wrong. I had no choice. I had to do something different. (2)

They gave me a list of chores to do: clean the shower, do the vacuuming, wash the dishes... the tasks seemed endless. But I did them all and they gave me £10.

The laptop I want costs about £350, but I decided I wasn't going to do all that every day for twenty more days, so I made a plan. I decided to do some jobs for my neighbours and I spent the next week cutting people's grass and washing their cars. It was great. (3)

I still need to save another £100, but I'm doing my best and it's been fun. (4)

Not because I want to go shopping and buy some new clothes, but because I want to see what jobs my neighbours have for me this time.

What is the sentence that is not used? Drop it below.

Four sentences are missing from this text. Choose the correct sentence for each gap 1–4. There is one extra sentence.

Every time I finished a job, I got another £10

The only problem is that I want the weekend to come around sooner

I never spend a lot of money on new clothes

But then I really did need a new one.

So I decided to give it a try.

