



Lawn Boy
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Chapter 3: _____

BEFORE You Read

How do you usually spend your summer vacation? _____
If you had a chance to

work and make money next summer, would you take it or just relax? _____

WHILE You Read

Write the page number where you first see each of these words. When you are finished reading, use context clues to match each word to its definition.

- suede
- lapel
- stockbroker
- cash-flow
- overextended
- barter

someone who buys and sells pieces of businesses
have more to pay/do than you have time/money
how much money you have to spend right now
front part of a suit jacket that's folded back
pay with things or services, not money
soft, brushed leather

AFTER You Read

There is "increasing demand" for Lawn Boy's mowing service. What does that mean? _____

Lawn Boy has a problem: he doesn't have enough _____ to mow all the lawns people want him to mow. One reason for that is the "distance factor." Explain: _____ Another problem is that he has to keep stopping to _____ because the mower has a small _____.



To mow all the lawns, Lawn Boy will have to work all day, 7 days/week. The good consequence of that is he will _____, but the bad consequence is that he will have to give up _____. In your opinion, is the good consequence worth dealing with the bad consequence? _____ Why? _____

Lawn Boy is now earning about \$30/lawn. He can mow 3 lawns/day. So in one day, he can earn about \$_____. If he works 7 days/week, he can earn \$____ per week. Thus, in 12 weeks of summer vacation, he can earn \$_____. If he could mow 4 lawns/day, how much would he earn that summer? \$_____.

In your opinion, can you tell whether a person is honest by looking at him/her? _____ How would people say that an honest face is different from a dishonest or sneaky face? _____