



Match the main Ideas with the correct paragraphs:

1. Compromise and mutual agreement between parents and teens can help solve conflicts about chores.
2. Teens may resist chores, arguing that their peers don't have to do them.
3. The timing of chores often creates conflicts between teens and parents.
4. Some parents adopt strategies to manage chores, such as making a list or tying pocket money to chore completion.
5. Parents and teens often disagree about chores.
6. Parents feel teens are irresponsible, while teens feel parents nag too much.



Someone Has to Do It!

Parents often complain that they always have to tell their teenage children to do their chores. Parents think their kids are irresponsible. On the other hand, teens feel **their** parents are always nagging and complaining.

A major problem is that parents think that teens need to do the chores on **their** schedule, while the teens think, "Why do I have to do it now, when I can do it later?" **This** usually leads to unnecessary conflict between teens and their parents.

The general questions parents usually ask about chores are the following: Should teens have them? Should teens and parents agree on a list of chores together? Should teens have freedom to decide when to do **them**?

One mother says, "My daughter and I make a list of chores each week. That way **she** can organize her time for schoolwork, housework, and free time, too." Another

parent only gives his son pocket money after he has done all his chores around the house. **He** says, "No chores, no money. It makes teens responsible for earning their money, rather than just simply giving **them** an allowance." Some teenagers complain, "My friends don't have to do chores, so why should I?"

Normally parents expect their teenage sons and daughters to help around the house. But parents and teens have to agree on the kind of chores and when the teens have to do them. One mom's son wants to do his chores *after* he goes out with **his** friends, but then he's usually too tired. Another mother only lets **her** daughter see her friends *after* she finishes all the housework. But housework never ends! So what's the solution?

Teens and parents have to reach a compromise. There has to be common sense on both sides, don't you think?

Read the text then choose the correct answer for the following questions:

Questions:

1. **What is the major cause of conflict between parents and teens about chores?**

- A) Parents expect chores to be done immediately, while teens prefer doing them later.
- B) Teens refuse to do chores altogether.
- C) Parents do not give teens any chores.



2. **How do some parents try to manage chores effectively?**

- A) They force teens to complete chores without discussion.
- B) They tie chore completion to rewards like pocket money or privileges.
- C) They do all the chores themselves.

3. **Why do some teens resist doing chores?**

- A) They feel their parents are too demanding.
- B) They believe chores are unfair compared to their friends' experiences.
- C) They don't understand how to do chores.

4. **What is the suggested solution to conflicts about chores?**

- A) Parents should handle all household tasks themselves.
- B) Both parents and teens should reach a compromise and agree on chores.
- C) Teens should refuse to do chores altogether.

5. **What is one example given of a parent's strategy to handle chores?**

- A) A mother making a weekly list of chores with her daughter.
- B) A father assigning all chores to one child.
- C) Parents ignoring chore completion until it becomes a bigger issue.





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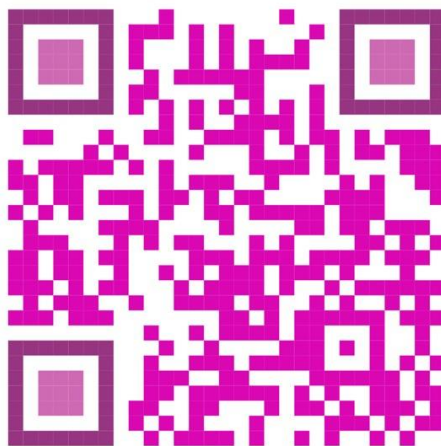
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