

- 1       you'll be lucky to have *anyone* want to be your friend!
- 2   CAMREN: You guys are saints.
- 3   DONNIE: That's what I keep telling you.

## 49. Babysitters

**Topic:** Two girls discuss different perspectives of working as a teen.

**Cast:**

RYCE: disillusioned, not thrilled about the prospect of baby-sitting

CLEO: more appreciative of the rare opportunity to make good money

- 1       *(Scene opens with GIRLS chatting Center Stage.)*
- 2   RYCE: *(Glumly)* I'm so bummed about tonight.
- 3   CLEO: What's wrong?
- 4   RYCE: I have to baby-sit.
- 5   CLEO: Ugh. The kiss of death. Who?
- 6   RYCE: Two brats down the street.
- 7   CLEO: How old?
- 8   RYCE: Seven and four.
- 9   CLEO: Sounds like lots of fun.
- 10   RYCE: The seven-year-old is OK, but the four-year-old is
- 11       whiny and cries for his mom the whole time.
- 12   CLEO: Do they let you use the phone?
- 13   RYCE: Yeah, but only after the kids are in bed. Which is
- 14       never. Kevin cries and cries and I try everything but he
- 15       usually falls asleep like five minutes before his parents
- 16       come home.
- 17   CLEO: Is it good money?
- 18   RYCE: Yeah. I get twelve dollars an hour.
- 19   CLEO: *(Can't believe it.)* What? You're kidding.
- 20   RYCE: No. Why?
- 21   CLEO: That's a ton of money. How many hours?
- 22   RYCE: Usually no more than four. I'll probably get fifty
- 23       dollars tonight.
- 24   CLEO: *(Emphatically)* You've *got* to be kidding. Fifty dollars
- 25       for watching two kids? And no diapers?
- 26   RYCE: No, no diapers. But Kevin is a real brat, I'm telling
- 27       you.

1 CLEO: (*Wistfully*) I wish I had a job like that.  
 2 RYCE: No, you don't. I'm telling you, it's no fun.  
 3 CLEO: Since when is work supposed to be fun?  
 4 RYCE: Well, I would rather go shopping or to the movies or  
 5 something.  
 6 CLEO: I'll tell you what, I'll take your baby-sitting job and  
 7 make money and you go shopping and spend money.  
 8 How's that?  
 9 RYCE: No way! I like the money.  
 10 CLEO: So you're saying the job isn't all that bad after all?  
 11 RYCE: I hate it but I love the money.  
 12 CLEO: Ryce, we are looking at the future as adults. Like my  
 13 dad always says, you don't have to love your work, but  
 14 you do have to work.  
 15 RYCE: (*Sarcastically*) That sounds exactly like the future I  
 16 want.  
 17 CLEO: Well, you don't intend to baby-sit the rest of your life,  
 18 do you? Where else can a thirteen-year-old make that  
 19 kind of money?  
 20 RYCE: (*Sighs.*) You're right. Nowhere.  
 21 CLEO: Right. I'm lucky if I get ten dollars for cleaning out  
 22 the shed. I have to ask my mom for every penny I get to  
 23 spend.  
 24 RYCE: True. It is really nice having my own money.  
 25 CLEO: And fifty dollars! That's a *ton* of money!  
 26 RYCE: Yeah, you're right.  
 27 CLEO: No more complaining about the gravy boat you're  
 28 riding, OK?  
 29 RYCE: OK, fine. I won't complain.  
 30 CLEO: Sure you don't want to trade?  
 31 RYCE: No way. Now that you've made me understand how  
 32 good a job this is there's no way I'm giving it away!  
 33 CLEO: Figures. I just talked myself out of fifty dollars.  
 34 RYCE: Yeah. Thanks. (*She smiles.*)

## 50. Going Out

**Topic:** Four friends try to find something to do on their night together.

**Cast:**

SHEILA, BETSY, MARY, and JONI: the typical, easygoing kids

1 (*Scene opens with BETSY, MARY, and JONI standing Center*  
 2 *Stage, jackets and purses in hand. SHEILA enters while*  
 3 *putting on a jacket and joins them.*)  
 4 SHEILA: I'm ready! Where are we going?  
 5 BETSY: (*Shrugs.*) I don't care.  
 6 MARY: Where do you all want to go?  
 7 JONI: Anywhere.  
 8 MARY: Anywhere like where?  
 9 SHEILA: We could go to the movies.  
 10 MARY: (*Only slightly curious*) What's playing?  
 11 JONI: That new Derek Price movie is out.  
 12 SHEILA: (*Disdainfully*) He's a dork.  
 13 JONI: He is not. He's nice.  
 14 MARY: (*With passion*) I hate Derek Price. He's such a phony.  
 15 BETSY: (*Whining*) I don't want to go to the movies.  
 16 JONI: Well, what do you want to do?  
 17 BETSY: (*Bored*) I don't know.  
 18 SHEILA: We could go bowling.  
 19 JONI: (*Emphatically*) I hate to bowl.  
 20 MARY: Me too. I stink at it.  
 21 BETSY: (*Whining*) I don't want to bowl.  
 22 JONI: So what should we do? (*ALL pause.*)  
 23 SHEILA: We could go to Griffin's for a burger or something.  
 24 MARY: I just finished dinner.  
 25 JONI: Me too. (*ALL pause.*)  
 26 BETSY: This is pathetic, you know.  
 27 MARY: Yeah, we finally get a night we're all free and we