

- 1 JO: There. How do I look?
- 2 MOM: Beautiful. Just beautiful!

## Sensible

### Introduction

Just how “sensible” should a girl be when she’s out shopping for clothes?

- 1 *(The scene begins with PAT holding out two pairs of shoes for*
- 2 *ROBIN to look at.)*
- 3 PAT: I shouldn’t get these shoes even though they’ll go with
- 4 my outfit better? *(Referring to the other pair)* These are the
- 5 more sensible ones to get because they’re cheaper? Is
- 6 that what you’re saying?
- 7 ROBIN: Yeah, that’s what I think. Those are nice, but
- 8 they’re way overpriced. Got to keep within your budget,
- 9 remember?
- 10 PAT: Yes, I know. But Robin, everything I’ve picked out so
- 11 far ... the purse I liked was too big, the dress was “too
- 12 young looking.” Isn’t that what you said? Everything I’ve
- 13 picked out so far, you haven’t liked. None of it has been
- 14 “sensible” to you.
- 15 ROBIN: I’m only trying to help. If you didn’t want my
- 16 opinion, why’d you ask me to come along?
- 17 PAT: I didn’t! You invited yourself when I told you I was
- 18 going shopping.
- 19 ROBIN: Look, I’ve just been trying to help you make some
- 20 sensible choices that will look good on you. It’s not my
- 21 fault that your fashion sense is zilch.
- 22 PAT: And yours is one hundred and eight, right?
- 23 ROBIN: I know, I’m gifted. Sometimes it’s a burden, but I
- 24 do try to help the less gifted. *(PAT looks at ROBIN for a*
- 25 *long moment. She then puts down the pair of shoes she was*

- 1       *holding and picks up the pair she had originally wanted.)*  
 2   PAT: Well, that's very "sensible" of you, Robin. I do like to  
 3       be "sensible," too. In fact, I like to do sensible things  
 4       that are going to help save the planet and, you know, I  
 5       think the sensible thing for me to do today is to just let  
 6       you ride the city bus home. It stops only two blocks from  
 7       your house. Makes more sense than me wasting my  
 8       expensive gas to take you there.  
 9   ROBIN: Now wait a minute! Let's not go overboard on this  
 10       "being sensible" stuff. We've got to use a little common  
 11       sense here!  
 12   PAT: Common sense? What's that? HmMMM?! My common  
 13       sense tells me I *do* want that dress, even though it's  
 14       "too young" for me, and ditto on that designer purse  
 15       even though it is "too big." And the shoes? *My*  
 16       sensibilities tell me that I deserve them for having *put up*  
 17       *with you* on this shopping trip! What does your common  
 18       sense say?  
 19   ROBIN: It says, "OK, OK," just as long as you don't make  
 20       me ride the bus home.

## Sentimental

### Introduction

Some parents seem to dote on their children, so when they leave home to go to college it is hard — on both the kids and the parents, or so it seems.

- 1   DOT: Mom! No! Not again.  
 2   MOM: What? I can't look at your baby pictures?  
 3   DOT: Sure you can. Just don't do it now. Mom!  
 4       Graduation's tonight. Monday, I'm leaving for college.  
 5       Couldn't you just put this off a day or two until I'm  
 6       gone? Please?  
 7   MOM: Why?  
 8   DOT: 'Cause you always get so mushy about them, so  
 9       sentimental! You start sighing, then it's *(Mimicking her)*  
 10       "Oh, how sweet" and "My little-babey-wabey," and then  
 11       you start crying.  
 12   MOM: Oh, stop it. I do not. You're exaggerating. Besides,  
 13       look at these! *(MOM starts thumbing through a photo*  
 14       *album. She points out different pictures.)* Here you are in my  
 15       daddy's arms. Three months old. *(Sighs.)* He loved you  
 16       so much. And look at this one — your first tooth. And  
 17       here's your fourth birthday party. Oh, how sweet.  
 18   DOT: Mom. You're starting! Don't do it!  
 19   MOM: And here — here you are in your little white Easter  
 20       outfit. And this one — *(Choking up)* Ohhhh, my little-  
 21       baby-wabey. You've grown up so fast and *(Wailing)* now  
 22       you're leaving home!  
 23   DOT: Forty miles, Mom. *Forty miles!* I'll be back every other  
 24       weekend to do laundry. Look, Mom, Tommy's out in the  
 25       car. I gotta go up to the school. Are you going to be OK?