

- 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: (*Sarcasically*) 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

1 can't think of what to do.
2 SHEILA: There's a football game tonight at school.
3 MARY: I hope Richie Thompson breaks his leg.
4 BETSY: That's not nice.
5 MARY: He's a jerk. He never does his homework and then
6 wants to copy mine.
7 JONI: What's that got to do with the football game?
8 MARY: He's the star of the team!
9 BETSY: (*To SHEILA*) Do you want to go to the game?
10 SHEILA: No.
11 BETSY: Then why did you suggest it?
12 SHEILA: I didn't. I just mentioned there was a game. (*ALL*
13 *pause.*)
14 MARY: Sorenson's has a new ice cream flavor.
15 JONI: What is it?
16 MARY: Banana chocolate brownie chip.
17 SHEILA: (*Makes a face.*) Gross.
18 BETSY: Yum!
19 JONI: I think that sounds good!
20 SHEILA: I'm gonna puke.
21 MARY: It's good! I had some last week.
22 JONI: Let's go there.
23 BETSY: Yeah, that's something to do at least. Maybe some
24 of the kids are hanging out there.
25 SHEILA: If anyone orders that banana chocolate ice cream,
26 I'm gonna puke on them.
27 MARY: Is there anything that *doesn't* make you puke?
28 SHEILA: (*Looking at MARY*) Nothing I can think of at the
29 moment.

51. Give Me a Break

Topic: Friends develop a case of cast-envy when a friend breaks his arm.

Cast:

JONAH: has arm in a cast, looks at the bright side

DAMIAN: a lady-killer

CLYVE: a jokester

1 (*Scene opens with DAMIAN and CLYVE watching JONAH*
2 *enter and join them.*)
3 DAMIAN: Dang, Jonah, what happened?
4 JONAH: Man, I broke my arm skateboarding.
5 CLYVE: I knew you were gonna do that. How many times
6 have I told you that you're never gonna land an ollie?
7 JONAH: (*Sarcastically*) Thanks, Clyve, that makes me feel
8 much better.
9 DAMIAN: Does it hurt?
10 JONAH: (*Runs his opposite hand up and down the cast.*) Not
11 too much right now. It did when I did it.
12 CLYVE: How long you got to wear the cast?
13 JONAH: (*Disgustedly*) Four to six weeks.
14 DAMIAN: (*Appalled*) No way!
15 CLYVE: There goes swim team.
16 JONAH: Yeah, no kidding.
17 DAMIAN: I hate swim team.
18 CLYVE: Me too.
19 JONAH: Me too. (*Pauses.*) Hey, why do we all go if we hate
20 it?
21 CLYVE: (*Wondering*) I have no idea. I thought you liked it.
22 JONAH: No way.
23 DAMIAN: So you get out of swim team now for the summer?
24 JONAH: Yeah. And the way I figure it, I'll just phase out and
25 won't have to do it next summer either.