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**B** You are saving up to go to a music festival this summer. You found a part-time job and you had some money for your birthday, but it's taking a long time to save enough to pay for the ticket and transport to the festival and spending money while you're there. Now, you're out shopping with some friends in town. You don't want to buy anything but your friends are getting some new clothes. While you're waiting for your friends in a shop you see an amazing pair of trainers in the sale. You love them! And you can't believe your luck: they have one pair left – in your size. But even in the sale they're not cheap. If you buy them, you will use up almost half the money you've saved.

**C** You are at one of your friends' homes with a group of people. It's getting late and your parents asked you to be home by 10.30pm but you're having fun and you want to ask them if you can stay out and come home a bit later. Your parents have gone to the cinema. You try both of their mobile phones but no one answers. You feel annoyed that you can't get hold of your parents. You want to stay at your friend's until midnight. Your parents probably won't be home till late anyway, so they might not find out you weren't at home on time.

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