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**Carla says:** When Maisy tidies up, she puts my things away and I can't find them. I think she hides my things because she's jealous. I've got a part-time job and I like to buy books, magazines and earrings with the money I earn. She tidies up and vacuums on Saturdays. I work on Saturdays and when I come home, I can't find anything! Sometimes my earrings just disappear.

**B** Matt doesn't like visiting his dad. What should they do?  
**Matt says:** Dad collects old computers and puts the pieces in the living room and dining room. They're all over the floor and on the table. Dad says he's building a home computer. When I want to watch TV or do my homework, there's nowhere to sit so I just go up to my room. Dad's house isn't very clean, not like Mum's house!  
**Matt's dad says:** Matt is very moody when he visits. He never sits and chats or watches TV with me or spends time in the living room. As soon as he comes at the weekend he goes upstairs and shuts himself in his room. I'd prefer to work with my computer parts in the garage, but when Matt comes at the weekends I want to spend time with him, so I bring them into the house.

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**Grant says:** Robbie never wants to meet at the park anymore. Every time I ask him, he says he's got football practice and then he has to do homework. Now at the park I play football with some other boys, but they're not very good. And they're not fun like Robbie.  
**Robbie says:** Grant only asks me to go down to the park on Mondays and Wednesdays. I can't go on those days because I play football with a team and they are training days. Grant never asks me to do anything on other days. I think he only likes me because I'm good at football.

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