



Hi Mom! I want a guitar and to take lessons! Can you buy me one?

Wow sweetheart, that's great! Let's create a 9 step plan.....

1. **Teenager-** Must look in the phone book for all the guitar lesson businesses and ask their rates and write them down on a paper in neat and tidy order.
2. **Parents-** Will allocate a part of their budget for monthly lessons.
3. **Teenager-** Makes a list of guitars for sale in the city, used and brand new and writes them down neatly on some paper.
4. **Parents-** Will put away %50 of the cost of the guitar, and come up with some extra chores and help **teenager find a job** to raise the other %50.
5. **Teenager-** Must phone the guitar instructor and take his first 2 lessons with a rental guitar. Teenager must organize it. Parents will pay for it.
 - This will demonstrate whether or not the teenager **even likes the guitar.**
6. **Parents-** Upon the teenager agreeing to like the guitar and he raises %50 of the cost for a used guitar, the parents then pay the remainder %50 and pay for each lesson one month at a time.
7. **Teenager-** Must attend every lesson with exception of being able to miss one lesson a month.
 - If teenager misses more than one lesson then teenager must pay for the whole month's lessons with their regular allowance. And never receives a lesson again until the teenager pays that bill.
8. **Parents-** Upon 4 months of attending regular lessons the parents will then take the teenager to a guitar recital or concert by a well know musician as a treat.
9. **Teenager-** Upon 6 months of the teenager attending lessons regularly and having paid in full for any lesson he/she missed, the parents will then offer to pay for his half of the guitar, thus satisfying their parental need to provide for their children.

If the teenager carries out all those tasks then he/she will **PROVE** to you that it is important to him. Wouldn't that be much more satisfying to pay for something that your kid makes **good use of?**

If the teenager won't work past step 3 then you just saved yourself a pile of money! And he/she won't even blame you for it.

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