

TASK1 You're going to read some parents' views on pocket money. How do you think these sentences from the article continue:

- 1 (My 13-year-old and 10-year-old) generally spend it on _____
- 2 (My son Michael) will get 1 pound a week, 1.50 pounds if he _____
- 3 I opened bank accounts for them, so that they _____

TASK2 Read the article. How do the sentences in TASK4 really end?

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- 2 (My son Michael) will get 1 pound a week, 1.50 pounds if he _____
- 3 I opened bank accounts for them, so that they _____

TASK3 Read the article again and answer questions under the text.

“How much pocket money **should** you give?”

My kids each get £5 a week from their grandad. That's the only money they get; they generally spend it on sweets or save it. When Christine wanted to buy a CD a few weeks ago, she saved £10 and borrowed £4 from us, which she paid back over the next two weeks. The children are very good, and they love checking their purses. They're always thrilled to be spending their own money, and in the last year, they've become more aware of what to spend it on. At Christmas, they each drew out £10 from their bank accounts, and went shopping; they bought me a garlic sausage!

Mike, father of 13-year-old girl and 10-year-old boy

None of my children get any pocket money yet, although we're shortly going to start with Michael. He'll get £1 a week, £1.50 if he keeps his room tidy. We haven't given him pocket money until now, because I think if they're too young, they just tend to spend money on rubbish - they just rush out and go mad. If we go to a funfair, I'll give them a small amount each to spend on whatever they want, but when it's gone, that's it. They also get money on their birthdays and when people visit, so they have something to save up in their piggy banks.

Christina, mother of 3 boys aged 4, 6, 8 and a baby

I started mine on pocket money when they were around ten. I opened bank accounts for them so that they could learn to save, and we always gave them money every month so they could learn to budget. When they were ten, they got around £20 a month, and more as they got older. You have to bear in mind that a night out with friends is easily going to cost £12 or £15 these days; my 20-year-old currently gets £80 a month. But we always help out if there's something special they need that they can't afford.

Maria, mother of 2 young women aged 20, 26

Which parent:

- 1 thinks little children waste money? _____
- 2 doesn't give their children any money? _____
- 3 wants to teach their children to use money sensibly? _____
- 4 at the moment, only gives their children money for special occasions? _____
- 5 has lent money to their children when they need it? _____
- 6 understands that life is expensive for children these days? _____