

1 Inner Beauty 01



Beth

Hey Jessica, are you there?



Jessica

Sure I am. What's up?



Beth

I just got into a big fight with my mom. It was pretty bad; like, both of us really **took the gloves off**.

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That's awful! What were you guys fighting about?



Jessica



Beth

It was the same old story. She caught me trying to leave the house wearing makeup. I was almost out the back door when she called me back inside. Then she saw my eyeliner and totally **flipped out**.

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I can imagine, especially after what happened last weekend.



Jessica



Beth

She's out of her mind on this. I'm 14 years old. That's almost an adult. I mean, take you, for example. Your mom has let you wear makeup since you were 12.

True, but have you noticed that I almost never put it on?



Jessica



Beth

Actually, I *have* noticed. What's the deal with that? If my mom were that cool, I'd wear makeup all the time.

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I can see how makeup would seem like a big deal if everyone were using it except you. But there's really nothing exciting about it. In fact, it's kind of a pain in the neck.



Jessica



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What do you mean?



Beth

👁 eyeliner



<< wear makeup

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Putting makeup on and taking it off takes a lot of time. And we shouldn't need to wear makeup to feel beautiful. That comes from inside. It's about what kind of person you are.



Jessica



Beth

Well said! So does this mean I can have your makeup?

Questions

1. What is Jessica trying to say in the reading?
(A) It is too much trouble to put on makeup.
(B) Makeup makes you a good person.
(C) Inner beauty is what really counts.
(D) Beth's mom isn't being fair.
2. When was Jessica first allowed to wear makeup?
(A) When she was 14. (B) When she was 12.
(C) When she turned 18. (D) When she started middle school.
3. What does it mean that Beth and her mom "**took the gloves off**"?
(A) They cleaned up the house together.
(B) They forgave each other.
(C) They ignored each other.
(D) They argued and didn't hold back.
4. Which of the following probably happened to Beth last weekend?
(A) Her mom warned her not to wear makeup.
(B) She went to the mall with Jessica.
(C) Her mom came home after a long holiday.
(D) She had a party for her mom's birthday.
5. What does it mean that Beth's mom "**flipped out**"?
(A) She jumped in the air. (B) She started to cry.
(C) She didn't say anything. (D) She became very angry.

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2 Yang Family Budget



Drawing up a budget can be a great way to get your family's finances in order. Take the Yang family, for example. Mr. Yang didn't like the idea of a budget to begin with; "I'd rather go to the dentist," he said. However, when Mrs. Yang came up with a goal the whole family could agree on, Mr. Yang changed his mind. That goal was saving up for a new apartment, one where each of the Yangs' children could have his or her own bedroom.

The Yangs began by simply writing down what they spent their money on. This is a good first step in any budget, because it helps determine where your money goes. Once you know what you're already spending money on, you can make a budget for next month. The Yangs have been building their **nest egg** for years now, and soon they'll be able to buy that bigger apartment.



⚡ gasoline

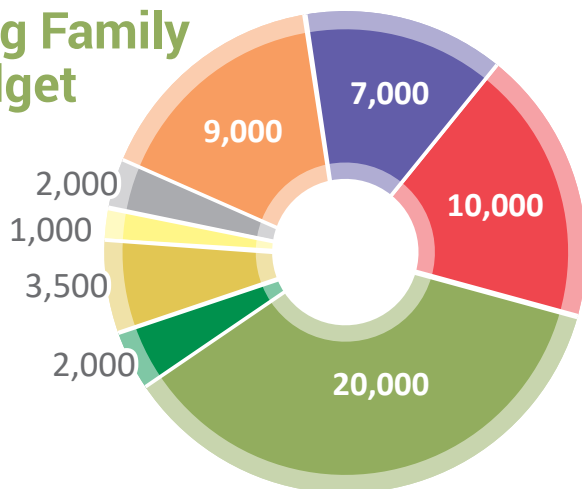
⚡ mobile phone

⚡ entertainment

⚡ eating out

Yang Family Budget

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| Entertainment | Food | Home Utilities |
| Rent | Eating Out | Mobile Phones |
| Gasoline | Savings | |



« home utilities

» rent



» family budget

Questions

- What is this reading trying to say?
 - Some families never learn how to budget.
 - You should always save more than you spend.
 - A goal can help make a budget work.
 - Mr. Yang is scared of the dentist.
- What do the Yangs spend the most money on every month?
 - Rent.
 - Savings.
 - Food.
 - Entertainment.
- What is a “**nest egg**”?
 - An expensive home.
 - Money saved for the future.
 - A special kind of budget.
 - A family with more than three kids.
- According to the pie chart, what is probably true about the Yangs?
 - They don't own mobile phones.
 - They do not own their apartment.
 - They don't own a car or a motorcycle.
 - They take lots of vacations.
- Which of the following do the Yangs spend the least amount of money on?
 - Home Utilities.
 - Food.
 - Entertainment.
 - Gasoline.