

Mrs. Robinson Needs a Babysitter

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Mrs. Robinson has a job selling real estate. On the weekends, she often has to spend a few hours taking her clients to look at a house or condo that is up for sale.

She had called on many babysitters before. It was distressing that her son Mike had not liked any of them. When she spoke to Mike about having to go out with a client, he always looked glum.

This Sunday she called Beth, a student who lived down the block. Beth was glad to come over.

After Mrs. Robinson left, Beth said, "Mike, what do you have to get done today? And, then, what should we do with the time we have left over?"

Mike was shocked. His other babysitters had let him gaze at the tv while they looked at their phones. They had not asked if he had stuff he had to do.

Mike said, "Well, I have some math problems which I should finish."

Beth said, "Good, why not get those done?"

Mike did not like doing math. But, the problems were not difficult. He did not ask Beth for help, but it felt good to have her there.

When he was done, Beth said, "Now, what would be fun to do?"

Mike could not think of anything at the moment. Beth said, "Want to ride bikes?"

When Mrs. Robinson came home, she saw that Mike had had a good time. After Beth left, Mike asked, "Can we have Beth come again?"

Mrs. Robinson smiled and said, "You bet!"