

Toby Becomes a Real Mechanic

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Ever since Toby was a child, he loved working with machines. When his mother's old Singer Sewing Machine stopped working, he convinced his mother to let him take a look at it. He searched online and learned about the common problems that sewing machines have. He watched tutorials that demonstrated how to fix those problems.

In the case of his mother's machine, it became clear that she had not cleaned and oiled it for a long time. The gears of the machine were no longer turning smoothly which explained why the bobbin was always getting stuck. When he showed his mom that he had fixed her sewing machine himself and that she did not have to take it to the shop, his mom was thrilled and said, "Maybe someday you will have a career with machines!"

Toby also mowed lawns with some other teens to make money during high school. Together, they bought old gas lawn mowers, and Toby learned from the mechanic at a repair shop how to keep the lawn mowers running and how to fix common problems by themselves.

Toby had always wanted to become a real auto mechanic after he finished high school. One day, when he was feeling particularly brave, he stopped by the Subaru dealership and asked to meet with the manager of the service department. He said that he was interested in becoming a mechanic. When the manager asked if he had ever fixed cars before, Toby said that he had not because he didn't own a car and hadn't had many opportunities to work on his friends' cars.

The manager was impressed by what Toby said about keeping his old lawn mowers in shape. The manager knew that he could train someone who had a good work ethic and a knack for machines. He explained that he had an opening for a starting worker who would at first be cleaning the shop and assisting the other mechanics. He said that if things went well, Subaru would be willing to send him for the training Toby would need to become a certified mechanic himself. Toby left the dealership feeling like he was floating on a cloud. Soon he would be fixing cars and learning all about how they worked. It was a dream come true.