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Change of Plans

“I love this song!” yelled Jenna at the top of her lungs.

Jenna and her best friend, Pasha, were sitting in the middle of the school soccer field, sharing the earbuds for Pasha’s MP3 player.

“I so can’t wait until Monday,” shouted Jenna as the song came to an end and Pasha turned off the player.

“Is that when you’re going to buy your new phone?”

“Yep,” grinned Jenna. “I just have to mow Mrs. Linklater’s huge lawn one more time, and I’ll have the \$200 I need.”

“I could never save that much,” said Pasha. “I spend whatever I earn as soon as I get paid.”

“I would, too,” said Jenna, “which is why I got Mrs. Linklater to hold my money until it reached \$200.”

“That’s very smart,” said Pasha.

Jenna kept thinking about the phone all afternoon. By the end of school, she had butterflies fluttering in her stomach.

“Where are you going in such a hurry?” asked Pasha when Jenna started running out the school door.

“I’m going home past Digital Planet,” she called back.

“I want to ask if they’ll hold a lime green phone for me until Monday.”

“Wait! I’m coming with you!” said Pasha.





Jenna and Pasha ran all the way to the mall after school. Jenna was so excited she ran right up to the counter of the store.

"I'm sorry," said the clerk, when Jenna asked if they could hold the green phone for her, "but that won't be possible. All our stock is going on sale tomorrow."

"You're having a sale?"

"Yes. Didn't you see the sign in our window? The phones were \$200, but we're reducing them to \$170 over the weekend."

"Wow - \$170! That's great!" said Jenna. "I'll be here first thing tomorrow morning."

"We open at eight," smiled the assistant. "You'd better get here early. The next phones we get in will be \$240."

Jenna almost skipped out of the store. The phone was going to be \$30 less than she thought it would be, and she already had the money for it. All she had to do was call Mrs. Linklater and ask if she could come and get her money.

Jenna's older brother, Mike, was cleaning his new motorcycle when Jenna got home.

"Hey!" he called when he saw her, "take your shoes off before you go inside. I just finished cleaning!"

Jenna kicked off her shoes. While Dad was away on a business trip, Mike was in charge - and he was strict about their dad's house rules!

