

babysitters /5/ george's morning off

Here is how George's **mind works**. On Tuesday, my wife **had planned** to go to work **for** a couple of hours. **The night before**, George **had been asked** to look after his brothers **while** she **was** away. But in the morning, her boss called and told her that she **could take the day off**.

So she sat in the living room **waiting for** George **to** wake up and **take over** her **duties**. But she knew she **may have to** wait for a long time. **Like** so many teenagers, George takes his sleep **extremely seriously**. **In term-time**, he **somehow** manages to **crawl out of bed in time for** school every morning. But in the holidays, he **seems to have trouble getting** out of bed before noon.

At about 1pm, the telephone in the kitchen rang, and my wife **answered** it. It was George, **calling** from his bedroom. "Hello, mum," he said. "I thought you **were** at work."

She **explained** that she **had been given the day off**, and asked George why he **was calling**.

"You **asked** me to babysit," he said. "I was just calling **to make sure** that the little boys **were** all right."