

## **babysitters /4/ small price to pay**

**Once in a while**, we would **come across** a wonderful **baby-sitter**, who would read to the children, **put** them to bed and then **clean up** the house **while** she was waiting **for us to get home**. But we always **seemed to find** these girls **in** the week before they **had to** fly back home to Poland or Czechoslovakia.

**Most of the** girls we hired were **useless**. **Even though** they knew they **were paid** quite well they did nothing **except sit** on the sofa, **eating** our food and **staring** at the television. **Still**, £20 is **a small price to pay for a clear conscience**.

Anyway, our baby-sitter **days** are finally **over** - and **what a relief** it is. The summer holidays have **started** and my wife is **back at work part-time**. **Normally**, we **would have to** hire a babysitter **almost** every day. I can't imagine how other **working mums cope in** the school holidays. We **are lucky to** have George. It's true that ChildLine **probably** wouldn't **approve of** George's baby-sitting methods but **frankly, as long as** I **don't have to worry about what** my kids **are up to**, I don't **care**.