

Mom, **I've been thinking** and **going** to college **seems to be** the right thing **for me to do** right now.

Oh honey, **what's the point?** What can they teach you in college **that** you can't learn **on your own?**

Mom, **everyone else is** going to college. **There must be a** reason. **I'd hate to** look back **one day** and **wish I'd gone**, too.

Gil, we **want you to be** happy, **obviously**, but **I'm afraid** we **can't afford to** pay for your studies.

Mom, **there's no need to worry about** that. I **wouldn't mind working as** a waiter to **make** some **extra** money.

Oh Gil you're **such a good** kid but I **would still rather you just went** out and got a job **instead of going** to college.

Oh, all right. **I mean, there's** no reason why I can't go to college **when I'm** forty, right?

Right. And don't worry **about everyone being** smarter than you. **What really matters is** how **hard** you work.

I **guess you're right**, mom. Thanks **for changing** my mind on this. I **almost made** a big mistake.

Oh, **that's what** mothers are **for**. We just want to **make sure** that our kids **make** the right decisions in life.

How come all the other mothers **let** their kids go off to college to **waste** so much time and **ruin** their lives?

Oh, I suppose some mothers are **simply** better than **others**.