

# maryann & patrick

## the original text

MaryAnn has just got a **proper** job and her parents are going to buy her a car. This is giving Patrick some **food for thought** and he is **wondering** how he too **might** improve his life.

## what I'd love to hear you say instead

So, **there's this** girl whose name is MaryAnn who has just **got herself** a new job. Now, this would **hardly** be big news for **most people**, but it **sure** is for MaryAnn. **Apparently**, she **hasn't had** too many jobs before, or **possibly none**. She **definitely** hasn't had a proper **one** yet. This **has been making** her parents increasingly **desperate** as it looked like their daughter was planning to be **living off them** for the rest of her life. They **were just about giving up** hope when one day she announced that she **had been offered** a job and decided to take it. **Understandably**, they are **excited to see** their daughter finally try to **stand on her own feet**. And to **reward** her for her **efforts**, **they've gone** out and bought her a car. This will **make it easier for her to** get to work and **as a result** increase the probability of **her keeping** the job.

**Now**, MaryAnn has **this** boyfriend named Patrick. Or he **may be** just a friend, or perhaps just a **guy she hangs out with**. We don't really know **for sure**. **As far as I can tell**, Patrick is **as much of a freeloader as** MaryAnn. I don't suppose he has a job, **either**. He is **likely being supported** by his parents **the way** MaryAnn **used to be**. **Not surprisingly**, he is greatly **impressed** with the gift MaryAnn **has been given**. **What an easy way to** get a car! Man, **all you have to do is** get a job. So **the whole thing** is giving Patrick some food for thought. He is **wondering**, "**Why don't I** get a job **myself**? It **might** actually **do me good**. I should do it **just to see what** my **folks** would do. My life **sucks anyway**. I guess it's time I **improved** it in **one way or another**, right?"