

my son's after-school job /2/ **child labor** rules

Eugene could _____ make a _____ out of his **cooking skills** - but _____ unless an enterprising television executive _____ up with the idea for a new series called **Comedy Cookery**. My son was the _____ to admit, however, that until his unusual talent _____ spotted, he was _____ to _____ much money out of his bread.

He was still in no way _____ from looking for a job, _____. Next, he _____ on a tour of all the local shops, **offering his services** as a shelf-stacker, floor-mopper or newspaper-delivery boy. I am not sure where he _____ from, this desperate _____ to be employed. On my side of the family, at least, the **work ethic** has not _____ up for generations.

But this boy has always been _____ to help _____ the house. He is _____ offering to **cook supper** for his parents ("No, no, really, we're not hungry") and bringing us cups of tea and coffee that we politely pretend to drink and then secretly _____ down the sink _____ he's out of _____.

He also has a highly _____ commercial _____. _____ most children, he is _____ of **the price of everything**, from a pound of butter to a bottle of Scotch. When he _____ that wine was much cheaper in Spain than it is here, he _____ on spending his pocket money buying three bottles of it. This was not because he wanted to drink it, but because he _____ couldn't _____ up such a _____. He now intends to sell it _____ a _____ **profit** - and I _____ the feeling I know who the first buyer will be.

At any _____, all this _____ should be _____. I share the boy's _____ that comes from finally having _____ a job. Child _____ is an **excellent idea** for _____ parents and children. It gives the young _____ and gets them out of the house. Money _____, it is a _____ for the parents as well. And it may very well _____ out to be the beginning of a successful career for the kid.

I consider it a great _____ to have two of my four sons **working for pay** - while both of them are still at school. If you _____ to know of any jobs for a seven-year-old and a nine-year-old boy, _____ to give me a call.