



Purposeful Transitions

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Babysitting is a way to make extra money if you don't want to work at a fast food restaurant. ◆ **However** it can be a real pain—literally. Kids can kick and bite. Babies make big messes, and older kids can throw a fit. ◆ **For many reasons** babysitting can be a hard way to make a few bucks.

◆ **For one reason**, not all kids like having a babysitter. Kids sometimes get upset just because their parents are leaving. ◆ **Consequently** they might act up on purpose causing all kinds of problems. Kids can get mad, break things, or refuse to eat. ◆ **In other words** they can make the whole night long and miserable.

◆ **Besides** how hard it is, babysitting can be frustrating. ◆ **If** something fun pops up (like a party or a date) *after* you've already agreed to babysit, ◆ **then** you have to say no. Who wants to spend three hours with a rug rat when she could be hanging out with friends?

◆ **Instead of** having fun with friends your own age, babysitting means being with kids much younger than you, ◆ **like** babies and toddlers. Infants mean diapers and crying and burping. ◆ **Even** elementary-school-age kids can be difficult. ◆ **If** the kid is used to getting his own way, ◆ **then** he might throw a temper tantrum. ◆ **Moreover**, there's the possibility of large families. Who wants to watch four or five or more kids all at the same time?

Babysitting is ◆ **especially** hard when the kids won't behave. If the parents tell the babysitter to put the kids to bed at a certain time, and the kids refuse to obey, ◆ **then** it's not fun. Sometimes kids will do whatever they want and won't listen at all. ◆ **For example**, the babysitter may tell them to go to their rooms, and the kids may just sit there watching TV, ignoring the command.

◆ **All things considered**, babysitting can be a nightmare. You better *really* want to make some extra money to choose it as your part-time job.