



# Family Cooperation



My mum, Gail, has a muscle condition called fibromyalgia, which means that she can't move, and is sometimes in severe pain and distress. On a typical day I get up early in the morning and make her breakfast and lunch. I also do the shopping and cleaning and make sure she takes her medication.

I care for my mum because I don't want anyone else to look after her. We've been offered help but I refused. I know I'm giving her the best care and I wouldn't want it any other way. Mum and I share everything and are always open about our feelings and we work well together. We are a great team!

I love my mum and admire her for putting up with the struggles of each day. Just because she needs extra care doesn't mean she shouldn't enjoy the treat any loving mother deserves. She is my inspiration and my friend. I know how to cheer her up and bring a smile to her face, it's just by saying "I love you, mum" each single day!





Reading Comprehension

1. **Are these statements True or False? Justify when it's true and correct when it's false.**

a). The writer's mum is disabled.  
(True /False)

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b). Gail has a nurse living with her. (True /False)

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c). Gail lives alone and doesn't see her daughter often. (True /False)

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d). The daughter and her mum don't get on well together. (True /False)

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2. **Answer these questions using details from the text.**

a) How does the mother cope with her illness every day?

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b) Why did the daughter refused help?

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c) Is the mum cooperative?

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3. **Express your opinion:**

What do you think of the writer? -----

Do you think that this mum is worth the sacrifice? Why / why not?

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4. **Circle the words that apply to the text:**



Love/ argument/misunderstanding/ devotion/ care/ easy-going/ suffering/  
friendship/ anger/ appreciation/ sacrifice/ joy/ pain/ cooperation/help



**5. Find in the text words having the same meaning as:**

Extreme sadness = ----- (parg.1)

Someone or something that gives you sudden good ideas = ----- (parg.3)

To be given something because of the way you have behaved or the qualities you have =  
----- (parg.3)

