

Mommy Mommy! I want a guitar and to take lessons! Can you buy me one?

Wow sweetheart, that's great! Let's create a 10 step plan.....

1. **Child-** Must look in the phone book for all the guitar lesson businesses and ask their rates and write them down on a paper in neat and tidy order.
2. **Parents-** Will allocate a part of their budget for monthly lessons.
3. **Child-** Make a list of guitars for sale in the city, used and brand new and write them down neatly on some paper.
4. **Parents-** will put away %50 of the cost of the guitar, and come up with some extra chores and help **Billy find a job** to raise the other %50.
5. **Child -** Must phone the guitar instructor and take his first 2 lessons with a rental guitar. Child must organize it. Parents will pay for it.
 - a. This will demonstrate whether or not the child **even likes the guitar.**
6. **Parents-** upon the child agreeing to like the guitar and he raises %50 of the cost for a used guitar, the parents then pay the remainder %50 and pay for each lesson one month at a time.
7. **Child-** Must attend every lesson with exception of being able to miss one lesson a month.
 - a. If child misses more than one lesson then child must pay for the whole months lessons with their regular allowance. And never receives a lesson again until the child pays that bill.
8. **Parents-** Upon 6 months of attending regular lessons the parents can then volunteer to pay for the whole cost of the guitar thus satisfying the urge to provide for their children.

If the child carries out all those tasks then he will **PROVE** to you that it is important to him. Wouldn't that be much more satisfying to pay for something that your kid makes **good use of**?

If the child won't work past step 3 then you just saved yourself a **pile of money!** And he won't even blame you for it.

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