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### Missing Out

My brother and I – we're 14 and 12 – want to have a PlayStation 3 (PS3). We would happily pay for some of it, but our parents don't want to talk about it. How can we get them to change their minds? We can't bear being the only teenagers missing out!



- I'm 15 and last summer me and my brother faced the same dilemma. He was itching to get a PS3 ever since it came out. Let me tell you the only way you can get your parents to chip in to buy a PS3, is to beg like you have never begged before.

Beg like tomorrow will never come. It may well be your only chance.

**Abdul Kassim, London**

- I wouldn't have a clue what a PS3 is, but I do know plenty about skills that will take you forward into adult life. Bleating "it's not fair" is not likely to cut any ice with adults, but presenting your case in an informed and

rational way could well do the trick.

If your parents are reluctant to even discuss the issue, prepare a written report to give to them for consideration and include the reasons why you would like a PS3.

**Helen Howard, Lincolnshire**

- You are not the only teenagers missing out; the world contains millions of teenagers who do not have many things you take for granted – like food for example, let alone a PS3.

Life is not fair to them either, but in a more life-threatening way. There is a bigger world out there.

**John Bap, by email**

- A good way is to persuade your parents that they can't really do without the PS3, rather than saying everybody else has one.

Make a big point about learning the value of hard work through paying your contribution and promote the other features of the console, e.g., it doubles as a CD/DVD player etc.

Failing this, just sulk around the house until they cave.

**Paul Booker, Oxford**

- I would like a second home in Brazil, preferably on the beach with a private jet to whizz me back and forth from London.

I, too, am prepared to pay for part of it.

When you find a way of convincing people to buy stuff for you, let me know.

**Richard Cook, by email**

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- A Abdul Kassim
  - B Helen Howard
  - C John Bap
  - D Paul Booker
  - E Richard Cook