

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Mom and Dad,

Now that I am twelve, I would like to propose that we make a few changes around here that will reflect my increased level of responsibility. I feel that I have earned the few privileges that I am about to propose, and I hope that you will agree.

First, I would like an increase in my allowance. Our current agreement is that I will feed the cat and the dog every morning and evening, keep my room clean, and take the trash to the curb twice a week on trash days. I am sure you will agree that I have done all of these things, consistently and well, and without having to be asked, for some time now. Additionally, I set the table for dinner every night, and cut the grass on the weekends. I would like an additional \$5 a week for taking on these additional tasks as permanently assigned chores. You may feel that this represents too much responsibility for a twelve-year-old, but as I have already been performing well at this level, I'm sure you will agree that I deserve this raise.

Second, I would like to start staying up half an hour later every night. I'm sure that you have noticed that I have been getting up before my alarm every morning, without complaint, and I did not miss the school bus one single time this past year. I feel that I can stay up a little later in the evenings without being too tired in the morning. I don't want to be unreasonable, so I will assure you that if the later bedtime turns out to interfere with our morning routine or with my grades, then I will return to my previous bedtime without argument.

In case you need any extra reassurance, keep in mind that I made the soccer team last year.

Thanks for taking the time to consider my argument. I look forward to hearing from you!

Roger

**1. What does Roger want?**

**2. Does he support his arguments with strong evidence?**

**3. Are any of Roger's reasons not relevant?**

### **ANSWERS**

1. He wants to stay up half an hour later every night, and he wants an increase in his allowance.
2. Yes. He offers sound evidence for each argument.
3. Making the soccer team is not relevant.