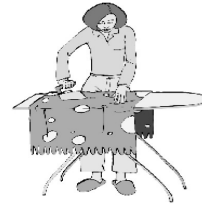


A Mum's Tale



I am 24 years old.
I have two kids.
Ian is 5 and Donna is 2.
Ian has just started school.
I was married for five years.
He left me last year for an older woman.
She has three kids and I think he'll leave her soon.
He's no good with kids.

I would like to go back to work.
I've worked in shops and in a hotel.
I can't get work because of Donna.
I try hard to be a good mum.
It's not easy on your own.
It makes me mad when they say single mums are scroungers.
I reckon I'm bringing up my kids better than a lot of married couples.



A. True / False / Maybe

1. She was married young.
2. Her husband didn't like kids.
3. She is on Benefit.
4. She wants a job in a shop.
5. She is a better mum than many others.

B. What do you think ?

Always (A) : Usually (U) : Sometimes (S) : Not usually (NU) : Never (N)

1. Two parents are better for kids than one parent.
2. In one-parent families, kids are better off being with their mother.
3. Absent fathers should pay full maintenance costs for their children.
4. The State should pay more for child care, so that parents can go out to work.
5. Children are better off if they still see the absent parent.