

DICTATION - Write the missing words as you hear them

HOME ALONE...OR NOT!!!



1. My name is Ali. I am 12 years old. When I stay **alone** in my house, I feel afraid. I jump at every little sound I hear! My parents **usually** return back from work about 6:00 pm. Sometimes it's later because they have to put petrol in the car on the **way** home or they stop for a coffee break after a long day at work.



2. I get really worried if they are not home by 7:00 pm. My mother tells me not to worry but I can't help it, even though they **call** me and let me know when there's a problem. I just **hate** to be there without them. I often stand by the window and check to see if I can see their car coming.



3. Sometimes after class, I don't go straight home but take a walk around town while I wait for them. I like to go into different shops to see what they sell. There is a nice new shop just 50 metres past my school and last week I went there twice, Monday and Wednesday.



4. I was afraid to enter the shop at first because everything looked so expensive! When I was inside, I was very careful not to break anything. I didn't want the shopkeeper or my parents to get angry with me! There was only one single TV in the shop that I liked, but it was very big and heavy.



5. If it fell down on me, it would probably cut my head or I would be dead! I wouldn't want that to happen! So, I thought it was best to just exit the shop and go home.



6. On the days I go home alone to wait for my parents, I climb the stairs to my bedroom where I try to complete my homework before dinner. I usually check it twice, because I want to get it all correct, without any mistakes.



7. I wash my face and hands and listen for the sound of ^{my} parents' car as they arrive. It is the best sound in the world to me! In the future, when I am older, I know I will not stay single because I hate to be alone. For now, I am just happy to be here, with my parents!

