



Spending Too Much

Silvia is a 19-year-old college student. She works part-time in a large department store. Every two weeks Sylvia earns about \$200. It's not a lot of money, but she enjoys her job. Silvia also likes the 20% discount she gets on clothes, shoes, and other merchandise. She often spends most of her paycheck at the department store.

Silvia's mother, Marta, doesn't like her daughter spending so much money on clothes. She wants her daughter to use her money for college expenses. "Silvia," says her mother. "You're spending too much of your paycheck at the department store. You don't need any more clothes!"

Still, Silvia buys clothes and then asks for money. "Mom," says Silvia. "I need \$500 for books this semester."

"Where is your money?" asks Marta.

"I'm running a little short right now," answers Silvia. "I just bought these adorable pink shoes."

Marta is very angry. "What? Pink shoes! You don't have anything that matches pink shoes."

"Don't worry, Mom," answers Silvia. "With my next paycheck, I'm buying the matching belt and purse."



■ ■ Answer the questions.

1. How old is Silvia?
2. Where does Silvia work?
3. How much does she earn every two weeks?
4. How much of a discount does she get?
5. Where does Silvia spend most of her paycheck?
6. What does Marta want Silvia to use her money for?
7. How much money does Silvia ask Marta for?
8. What does she need the money for?
9. Why is Silvia running a little short right now?
10. What is Silvia buying with her next paycheck?