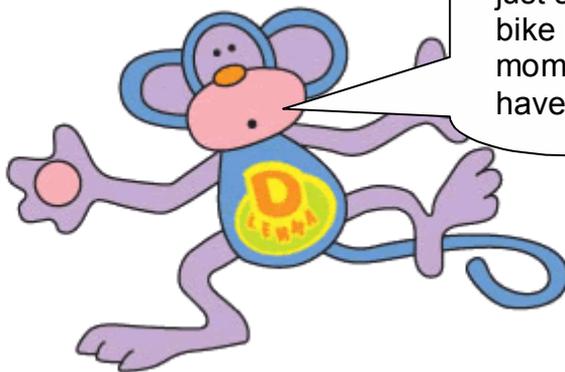


## Di Lemma saves for a new bike



I have just been shopping in town; I have just seen the shiniest fastest most brilliant bike in the world. I can't afford it at the moment but I am going to save so I can have it.

I went shopping with my mum today we went into town and we went passed a new bike shop. In the window I saw the shiniest, fastest bike in the world. It was red with silver flashes. I pulled my mum into the shop and made her come and look at it I asked the man in the shop how much it cost and he said £75. My mum said if I wanted it I would have to save a bit each week she said I could also do extra jobs around the house and get £1 for each job I do. I really am going to save harder than ever because I want the bike so badly.

On week one Di Lemma saved his £5 pocket money and he did two jobs for his mum he washed the car and weeded the garden. So he had £7 saved. He had £15 saved from his birthday. So he added it up  $15 + 7 = 22$ . Di Lemma had £22 saved. So he worked out  $75 - 22$ . This meant he still had £53 to save. Di Lemma sighed "this is going to take me forever!" "Come on" said his mum keep saving you will get your bike quicker than you think." "Ok mum said Di Lemma I will keep saving."

The next week Di Lemma went into town and he saw the bike in the window, it looked better than ever. He wanted it more this time than before. He went home determined to save as much as possible. Di Lemma spent all of Sunday doing jobs for his mum, from washing up, to painting the shed to cleaning the patio, watering the plants. He worked so hard he did ten jobs and earned £10. He was sooooo pleased. This meant with his pocket money he has saved £15 this week. He had £53 left to save minus £15 saved this week he had £38 to go. It still seemed like so much. Di Lemma was determined to save. Everyday after school he rushed home, rather than playing with his friends he did his homework and then he did a job for his mum or dad. He fed the cat and dog, he took the dog for walk, he helped his dad with clearing out the garage. By Friday he was really tired but he had done 5 more jobs. On Saturday Di Lemma worked all day again for his mum and dad and he did another 10 jobs. So this week with his pocket money Di

Lemma had saved £20. He only had another £28 to save. Not much left he thought.

The next weekend Di Lemma went into town on the Saturday this week he had managed to save £18 so only ten more to go. He went to the shop where the bike was to look at it because he was sure he could do five jobs and save the £10 he needed for the bike by next week. The windows was empty there was no bike there. In its place was a big SOLD sign. Di Lemma's heart sank, he thought. "I have worked so hard and saved so hard and now I am not even going to get the bike." He went home and lay down on his bed in his room he felt like crying. His mum called him down for his tea, she told him to fetch his dad from the garage to come in. Di Lemma dragged his feet and with a glum look on his face he went to find his dad. He walked through the garden and to the garage he knocked on the door and his dad shouted for him to come in. In the middle of the garage with a big bow on it was the bike, the red one with silver flashes. Di Lemma's dad said "Because you have worked so hard and saved so well we thought we would get you the bike as a reward for showing us how well you can save your money. Di Lemma was so happy he jumped up and down and screamed with delight. Di Lemma ran into the house and gave his mum a big hug "Thank you, thank you!" He cried.

That evening Di Lemma was allowed to ride his bike around the garden because he didn't have a helmet. The next day his dad took him shopping to buy one. Di Lemma had the money to buy a really good helmet that matched his red bike because he had saved £65. He bought the helmet and still had loads of money to spare. He decided to save some of the money in case he wanted something else later on. He spent a little bit of the money on some flowers for his mum and some chocolates for his dad to say thank you for his bike.

Di Lemma was so happy; he knew he would have so much fun riding his bike.

Di Lemma says "Just remember if you save your money then you may be able to have the things you want."

Di Lemma says bye for now, but before you go can you answer the questions below?

**If you wanted to buy something new which costs £50 how will you save for it?**

**If you do jobs you will get paid £1 for each job**

**You get pocket money of £5 per week.**

**How will you choose to save the money?**

**How many jobs would you have to do to get the new thing?**

**How many weeks will you have to save for?**