

February Good Housekeeping		
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	A	B
1	February allowance	2 per day, total 56
2	Total no. of debits in February	73
3	Breakdown of infringements	22 kitchen; 13 bathroom; 5 laundry; 4 bedroom; 9 invisible woman; 9 parenting; 11 general ineptitude.
4	Infringement of the month	Leaving Gabe's sodden nappy on my side of the bed, kind of like one of those chocolates you get at chintzy hotels. Well, kind of.
5	Positives to offset	5. Three compliments; went to fishmonger; tidied out the car without being asked.
6	Feb debt	12 (73 offset by February allowance of 56 and 5 positives)
7	Total remaining	88 over next five months (100 minus 12)

March Good Housekeeping		
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	A	B
1	March allowance	2 per day, total 62
2	Total no. of debits in March	99
3	Breakdown of infringements	19 kitchen; 19 bathroom; 7 laundry; 11 bedroom; 23 living; 8 parenting; 5 general ineptitude; 7 finance.
4	Infringement of the month	Shouting out one morning 'What have you done with my keys?' 'Nothing.' 'Are you sure, you're always tidying things away. I really can't be late today, where are they? I'll have to take yours.' And then going off, leaving me to swear through the house trying and failing to find his, before getting the spare ones off the neighbours. When he came back later, it turned out that his keys had been in his pocket all the time. He thought this funny.
5	Positives to offset	7. Some creative play with the kids and a few compliments. That's about it.
6	March debt	30 (99 offset by March allowance of 62 and 7 positives)
7	Total debt from February and March	42
8	Total remaining	58 over next four months (100 minus 42)

April Good Housekeeping		
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	A	B
1	April allowance	2 per day, total 60
2	Total no. of debits in April	82
3	Breakdown of infringements	12 kitchen; 7 bathroom; 7 laundry; 8 bedroom; 15 living; 11 parenting; 7 environment; 9 general ineptitude; 6 finance.
4	Infringement of the month	<p>He told me not to use the tumble dryer, 'because of the environment'. I told him I use it for exactly that reason, to enhance our immediate environment by not having lots of dank clothes draped across the radiators. 'But it's such a sunny day.' 'All right, I won't, if you hang up the clothes on the line yourself.' He didn't, obviously – they sat in a washing-machine swamp until I needed to put on another load, so I ended up hanging them up, telling him that he at least had to fold them up when they were dry (and crispy, in fact, the way they go when they're hung up rather than put in the tumble dryer when they emerge so warm and soft that I want to bury myself in their cleanliness like one of those mad women in an advert for fabric conditioner). Then, of course, he didn't take them off the line and</p>

		<p>fold them, and it started raining and the clothes got streaky and the whole lot ended up in the washing machine all over again and then into the tumble dryer.</p> <p>Why is it that any way of reducing women's work in the home seems to be either environmentally or morally unsound? I can't use effective cleaning products without destroying the planet. I can't pay a woman from a developing nation to do our dirty work without fear of exploiting her.</p>
5	Positives to offset	<p>5. Three brilliant anecdotes about mutual ex-colleagues and 1 compliment, plus the fact that he didn't complain about his toothbrush being used to clean Rufus's shoes. Not that I confessed to what I had done.</p>
6	April debt	<p>17 (82 offset by April allowance of 60 and 5 positives)</p>
7	Total debt from February, March and April	<p>59</p>
8	Total remaining	<p>41 over next three months (100 minus 59)</p>

May Good Housekeeping		
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	A	B
1	May allowance	2 per day, total 62
2	Total no. of debits in May	87
3	Breakdown of infringements	19 kitchen; 11 bathroom; 5 laundry; 7 bedroom; 8 living; 21 parenting; 6 environment; 5 general ineptitude; 5 finance.
4	Infringement of the month	Grilled himself some cutlets and not only didn't wash up the fat-splattered grill pan, but left it hidden inside the oven so that when I switched it on to do some baked potatoes, the kitchen filled with the acrid stench of twice-cooked lamb fat.
5	Positives to offset	Though he racked up a huge tally in the first three weeks of the month, the last week of May was all positive and no debits. I spent the days after that night in Norfolk in a continual state of gratitude that Joel is a) not Michael and b) able to be so funny about Michael. I didn't actually write down any credits on The List, but am instead adding a one-off 10-point credit of 'Isn't Michael'.

6	May debt	15 (87 offset by May allowance of 62 and the Isn't Michael 10-point bonus ball)
7	Total debt from February, March, April and May	74
8	Total remaining	26 over next two months (100 minus 74)

June Good Housekeeping		
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	A	B
1	June allowance	2 per day, total 60
2	Total no. of debits in June	89
3	Breakdown of infringements	14 kitchen; 15 bathroom; 11 laundry; 4 bedroom; 14 living; 15 invisible woman; 12 parenting; 4 general ineptitude.
4	Infringement of the month	Bath. Bedtime. Never there.
5	Joel's positives/my negatives to offset	Martini-meningitis night. 20 points to Joel.
6	June debt	9 (89 offset by June allowance of 60 and 20 positives)
7	Total debt from February, March, April, May and June	83
8	Total remaining	17 over next month (100 minus 83)

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8	Doesn't open his mail.
9	Eventually opens his mail, but acts as if merely opening it counts as having dealt with it.
10	After a month, takes the mail out of the envelope and leaves the empty envelope lying around for me to put in the bin.
11	Points out that actually envelopes should go into the recycling rather than landfill bin.
12	But only if I make sure that I remove the little clear plastic address window first.

These are all interconnected with various points in the 'finance' section, related as they are to his inability to do his expenses and his lack of comprehension that if he pays out money in the course of his work, if he gets it back it is not 'free money' that he doesn't really have a right to receive. As I'm doing so, I notice **I15**.

Doesn't put cordless phone back on its cradle.

I don't remember adding that one. It's a crime that Joel's always accusing me of – unfairly, since I barely ever use our landline.

The clutter has finally reached the biannual point at which I start screaming that I can't stand it, you hear me? I can't stand it any longer, I'm going mad, mad I tell you, and Joel takes the boys out on an expensive and sugar-fuelled