



Urgent

Date _____ Time _____

Mom: while you were out

- Your toddler stood at the back door sobbing for about 45 seconds when you left, and then went back to stuffing tissues between the couch cushions.
- Grandma sugared up the kids again. (They'll peak just when *Desperate Housewives* comes on tonight.)
- No one let the cat in.
- Dad helped himself to the banana bread. You know, the one you made for tomorrow's bake sale?
- Nobody noticed the squished juice box on the floor. They just stepped over it again and again and again.
- The baby ate all her pureed peas and took a two-and-a-half-hour nap. But face it: She'll never do that for you.
- Somebody called. Uh, Janet? Jane? Or was it Jean? Jan! It was Jan! I think... Do you know a Jan?
- The cat started picking at the sliding screen door with her claws, yet no one let her in.
- The vacuum continued its peaceful nap in the closet next to the mop.
- Somebody broke your favorite aromatherapy candle and tried to glue it back together with chewed gum.
- The cat made a hole in the screen door big enough to get her front paw and her head through and, still, no one let her in.
- The babysitter talked on her cell phone the whole time. By the way, what's a thong?
- Your mother called and wanted to know what that noise in the background was. She said it sounded like someone was banging toy trucks on the kitchen table. How did she know that?
- We watched *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, all two hours and 25 minutes of it. Now that you're home, we need to burn off some nervous energy.
- Hey! How did the cat get in?
- We sure missed you!

—JEN SINGER

