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Ready for Responsibility?

Directions: Gaining more responsibility can come in stages. You might not be ready to care for a dog, for instance, but you might be ready for a pet fish. Answer the questions below, and then fill in the chart to help you see what kind of responsibilities you are ready for!

1. Two years ago you were _____ years old. List a chore, activity, or other way you currently show you are responsible, but that you were too young to do two years ago.

2. In one year you will be _____ years old. List something you would like to do in one year that you cannot do now. Use the ideas at the bottom of the page if you need help.

3. Write one thing you can do in the next year to get ready for the responsibility you listed in number 2.

My Responsibility Readiness Plan

Something I would like to do one year from now	What I can start doing now to get ready for it	How I will know I am ready for my new responsibility	How I can stay responsible after I achieve my goal
<i>Example: Get a ferret</i>	<i>Water Mom's plants, take care of my bike</i>	<i>After a few months I will still be doing these chores.</i>	<i>Make time every day for feeding and cleaning up after the ferret.</i>

Here are more ideas for ways you can gain responsibility:

- get a pet
- start babysitting
- stay home alone

- do chores at home
- walk to school alone
- get a new bike

- have a later curfew
- get involved with a club, sport, or hobby