

Your spouse / partner got a raise!  
Life looks great.

**GAIN 2** 

Your great-grandmother just  
passed away and left you \$15,000  
in her will.

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You finished the Certified Nursing  
Assistant program at the  
community college, and now can  
get a better job.

**GAIN 1** 

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You received food stamps, so now  
you can afford to buy fresh  
vegetables and fruits at the  
supermarket.

**GAIN 1** 

Your family is able to pay your  
college expenses, so you don't  
have to work and can concentrate  
on your classes.

**GAIN 1** 

Your uncle owns a business and  
sets you up with a great job.

**GAIN 1** 

You came back from Iraq alive, but now you can't sleep or concentrate. You had planned to go to school, but life just seems so pointless.

**LOSE 1** 

Your neighbor used to take care of your children during your evening shift. She just moved away, and now there's nobody to watch your kids while you're at work.

**LOSE 1** 

Your hours and days at work just got cut. Other workers who complained have been fired.

**LOSE 1** 

You had a house fire and no insurance to cover the cost of everything lost in the fire.

**LOSE 2** 

Your computer job was moved to India. You can't find a new job and now you are about to get evicted.

**LOSE 2** 

You finally left your abusive boyfriend /girlfriend. Now you and your two small children are staying in a shelter.

**LOSE 1** 

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**LOSE 1** 

You move to a cheaper apartment. Now the car needs new brakes, and you just paid the rent deposit. You have to take out a loan from Payday Loans at 150% interest.

**LOSE 2** 

You just found out you need surgery, and you don't have health insurance.

**LOSE 1** 

Your son just got out of jail. He's looking for work, but employers don't want to hire people with a criminal record. Meanwhile, you have another mouth to feed.

**LOSE 1** 

Child-care costs half of what you earn, but if you don't work you can't pay the rent.

**LOSE 1** 

You got sick and missed 3 days of work the week before rent was due— now you don't have money to pay the rent, and the landlord charges \$50 for late payment.

**LOSE 1** 

You didn't have good dental care as a kid, and now you have lots of damage and are in terrible pain. A trip to the dentist means a full day of lost pay.

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You know you have a drug problem and need to get clean, but there are always waiting lists when you feel ready to go into treatment.

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Your elderly mother fell and needed to go to the hospital. She's okay now, but the hospital bills are over \$6,000 and the collections office is calling you.

**LOSE 1** 

Your car breaks down again, this time for good. There's no grocery store near you. The corner Quik-Mart is very expensive and the milk is often spoiled.

**LOSE 1** 

You lost your job! Luckily, your spouse / partner is still working and can support you for a while.

 **LOSE 1** and **GAIN 1** 

You graduated— congratulations! Now you have \$30,000 in student loans to pay off.

 **GAIN 1** and **LOSE 1** 

You had a bad drinking problem, but a private treatment center and a year with a great counselor helped you beat it.

 **LOSE 2** and **GAIN 1** 

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You got a raise! Unfortunately, your higher income level now means you lose your daycare subsidy. You now pay more out-of-pocket for you childcare.

**GAIN 1, LOSE 2**



You found a new apartment, well within your budget! It is right on a bus line, and within walking distance of a grocery store and your kids' schools. This means you don't have to depend on your old car anymore.

**GAIN 1**



The Ride Free Area in downtown has been discontinued. You now have to pay \$12 extra per week to get between your two part time jobs downtown.

**LOSE 1**



Your daughter is filling out college applications. They cost about \$50 each, and she's applying to six schools.

**LOSE 1**



Your family's food stamps benefits are being cut. You now have to pay more out-of-pocket to feed your family.

**LOSE 1**



The food bank where you volunteer has an opening for a part-time paid position. They ask you to fill it because they know you're an excellent worker.

**GAIN 1**



Your son gets accepted into a selective after-school music program on a scholarship. Now you don't have to pay for after-school care, AND he's learning!

**GAIN 2**



Your aunt's house is foreclosed on, and she needs a place to stay. She promises she'll help out with the grocery and utility bills once she finds a job locally.

**LOSE 1**



Your divorce is finalized, but your ex hasn't started paying their monthly child support yet. You have attorney fees to deal with, and are the sole provider for your kids.



You've been recruited to a higher-paying job in a city nearby. You decide to move once your lease is up, but in the meantime, you have to drive 50 miles round-trip every day. The commute is hard on you and your family.



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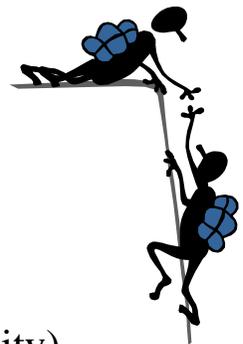
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