

Girl, 5, fined for selling lemonade

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Photo: Andre Spicer

A five-year-old girl in London was fined £150 (\$194) by a local government in London for selling 50p (65 cents) cups of lemonade. The fine upset the little girl because she thought she had done something wrong. The girl's father, Andre Spicer, is a university professor. He said his daughter set up the stall on a street in London. She wanted to sell her lemonade to people who were on their way to a music festival. Mr Spicer said his daughter burst into tears. He said she told him: "I've done a bad thing". Mr Spicer said his daughter was very excited by the idea of setting up a lemonade stall near her house. He said: "She just wanted to put a smile on people's faces. She was really proud of herself."

Mr Spicer explained what happened to make his daughter cry. He said: "After a short time trading, four enforcement officers walked over from the other side of the road. I was quite shocked. I thought that they would just tell us to pack up and go home, but they turned on their mobile camera and began reading from a big script explaining that she did not have a trading licence. My daughter clung to me screaming 'Daddy, Daddy, I've done a bad thing.' She's five. We were then issued a fine of £150. We packed up and walked home." A local government spokesman said: "We are very sorry that this has happened...The fine will be cancelled immediately and we have contacted Mr Spicer and his daughter to apologise."

Sources: bbc.com / metro.co.uk / newstatesman.com

Writing

Five-year-olds should not be selling lemonade. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

fined / lemonade / upset / something wrong / university / professor / festival / proud / daughter / shocked / mobile camera / licence / screaming / sorry / government

True / False

- A five-year-old girl was fined for selling 50 cups of lemonade. T / F
- The little girl didn't think she had done anything wrong. T / F
- The little girl sold her lemonade to people who were going to a festival. T / F
- The girl said she wasn't very proud of herself. T / F
- Four local government workers gave the little girl the fine. T / F
- The workers told the girl and her father to pack up and go home. T / F
- The little girl screamed when the workers gave the fine. T / F
- The local government apologized to the little girl and cancelled the fine. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. upset | a. thrilled |
| 2. wrong | b. pleased |
| 3. burst into tears | c. apologetic |
| 4. excited | d. illegal |
| 5. proud | e. held on |
| 6. explained | f. put away |
| 7. pack up | g. distressed |
| 8. clung | h. described |
| 9. sorry | i. communicated |
| 10. contacted | j. started crying |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about what you read?
- Were the local government workers too strict?
- Should the workers have just told the father to go home?
- Is it wrong to sell drinks in the street without a licence?
- What do you think the little girl learnt from this experience?
- How nice is lemonade?
- Was it right for the government to apologise?
- What questions would you like to ask the local government?

Phrase Match

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| 1. A five-year-old girl in London was | a. something wrong |
| 2. The fine upset | b. daughter to apologise |
| 3. she thought she had done | c. into tears |
| 4. his daughter burst | d. his daughter cry |
| 5. She just wanted to put a smile | e. script |
| 6. what happened to make | f. fined £150 |
| 7. walked over from the other | g. immediately |
| 8. began reading from a big | h. on people's faces |
| 9. The fine will be cancelled | i. the little girl |
| 10. we have contacted Mr Spicer and his | j. side of the road |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think of a five-year-old selling lemonade?
- Why do you think the girl's father let her sell lemonade?
- What do you think of the size of the fine?
- When should children start learning about business?
- Why do you think the girl thought she did a bad thing?
- What would you say to the little girl?
- What do you think of the little girl wanting to make people smile?
- What's the proudest you've been of yourself?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. d	3. j	4. a	5. b
6. h	7. f	8. e	9. c	10. i

Role Play

Role A – Lemonade

You think lemonade is the best thing to buy from a street stall. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pizza, cotton candy or ice cream.

Role B – Pizza

You think pizza is the best thing to buy from a street stall. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): lemonade, cotton candy or ice cream.

Role C – Cotton Candy

You think cotton candy is the best thing to buy from a street stall. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pizza, lemonade or ice cream.

Role D – Ice Cream

You think ice cream is the best thing to buy from a street stall. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pizza, cotton candy or lemonade.

Speaking – Street Stall

Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to buy from a street stall at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • cola | • lemonade |
| • popcorn | • pizza |
| • kebab | • fried chicken |
| • cotton candy | • hot dog |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.