



Things My 16-Year-Old Is Capable and Seemingly Incapable of Doing

The stark skillset gaps of a 16-year-old boy.

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CAPABLE	SEEMINGLY INCAPABLE
Driving a 3,400 pound vehicle, including safely making lane changes, parallel parking, geolocating, and selecting music	Putting away clean dishes
Building a computer, including selecting, purchasing and assembling all components	Finding scissors
Concocting fake vomit, including selecting of believable cracker and dog food ingredients	Flossing
Covertly obtaining and consuming intoxicants	Using the stovetop
Coordinating and implementing first person shooter strategy and tactics	Separating laundry
Managing complex gift card balances and submitting timely replenishment requests	Cleaning eyeglasses
Supporting fast food and fast casual venues, including management of guest list and payment terms	Feeding the dog

Managing classroom deadlines, including handling of complex extension requests	Bringing dirty plates downstairs
Procuring adequate stock of carbonated beverages and bite-snack snack items	Taking out trash
Managing time and attendance requirements for evening and weekend gaming tournaments	Waking to an alarm on school days

