

## Speaking and Listening – Discussion

### 20 Energy Saving Tips – Gap-Fill 3

Work with a partner or small group. Discuss the **20 energy saving tips** below and complete the gaps. The preposition 'instead of' goes between the two clauses. Which tips do you currently do? Which tips are new to you? Which ideas will save the most energy – and money? Rank some of the tips from best to worst. Can you think of any more energy saving tips? Create a dialogue or role play. Check any new words in a dictionary. Check that you understand all the underlined words and phrases:

instead of

1. Install double glazing \_\_\_\_\_
2. Bleed your radiators twice a year \_\_\_\_\_
3. Set your heating to start when you get home \_\_\_\_\_
4. Make a conscious choice to reduce energy use \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ letting heat escape through them.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ allowing them to assume that energy is free.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ relying on other people to switch off lights.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ depending on less efficient radiators.
9. Get free heat and light by working at the office \_\_\_\_\_
10. Shut down your laptop at night \_\_\_\_\_
11. Use sunlight to heat and light your home \_\_\_\_\_
12. Get used to a cooler climate at home \_\_\_\_\_
13. \_\_\_\_\_ leaving them on all day.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ keeping the same temperature all year.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ sitting around at home consuming energy.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ having one every morning.
17. Get used to cold showers \_\_\_\_\_
18. Buy and use LED light bulbs \_\_\_\_\_
19. Frequent your local pool and spa \_\_\_\_\_
20. Install cavity wall insulation \_\_\_\_\_

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Answers may vary. Suggested answers:

*instead of*

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| 1. Install double glazing                            | having windows with a single pane of glass.   |
| 2. Bleed your radiators twice a year                 | letting air remain trapped in them.           |
| 3. Set your heating to start when you get home       | leaving it on all day.                        |
| 4. Make a conscious choice to reduce energy use      | continuing as you usually do.                 |
| 5. Insulate water pipes and taps                     | letting heat escape through them.             |
| 6. Remind your kids of the need to save energy       | allowing them to assume that energy is free.  |
| 7. Use a smart home ecosystem                        | relying on other people to switch off lights. |
| 8. Install an underfloor heating system              | depending on less efficient radiators.        |
| 9. Get free heat and light by working at the office  | using your own electricity working at home.   |
| 10. Shut down your laptop at night                   | leaving it on standby indefinitely.           |
| 11. Use sunlight to heat and light your home         | paying for electricity.                       |
| 12. Get used to a cooler climate at home             | enjoying inappropriately high temperatures.   |
| 13. Switch off radiators when you're not in the room | leaving them on all day.                      |
| 14. Set your heating to match the climate outside    | keeping the same temperature all year.        |
| 15. Spend as much time as possible outdoors          | sitting around at home consuming energy.      |
| 16. Take a shower every second day                   | having one every morning.                     |
| 17. Get used to cold showers                         | pumping out as much hot water as you like.    |
| 18. Buy and use LED light bulbs                      | sticking with the old incandescent bulbs.     |
| 19. Frequent your local pool and spa                 | building your own private aquapark.           |
| 20. Install cavity wall insulation                   | letting heat – and money – ebb away.          |