

Speaking and Listening – Discussion

20 Energy Saving Tips – Gap-Fill 1

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. Read a book _____
2. Put on a warm jumper _____
3. Switch off appliances and unplug them _____
4. Switch off the light when you leave a room _____
5. _____ flying abroad.
6. _____ using higher temperatures.
7. _____ using a high-powered tumble dryer.
8. _____ running a hot bath.
9. Boil only the water you need for a cup of tea _____
10. Wash dirty dishes by hand _____
11. Exercise in the fresh air _____
12. Use a bike and/or public transport _____
13. _____ allowing major heat loss.
14. _____ living out of tune with your organism.
15. _____ staying up all night hammering power.
16. _____ following the same pattern all year round.
17. Consider using candles for lighting _____
18. Unplug your chargers after use _____
19. Wear clothes appropriate for the season _____
20. Use a microwave oven and/or slow cooker _____

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Answers may vary. Suggested answers:

instead of

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| 1. Read a book | firing up a games console and OLED TV. |
| 2. Put on a warm jumper | turning up the heating. |
| 3. Switch off appliances and unplug them | always leaving them on standby. |
| 4. Switch off the light when you leave a room | leaving it on. |
| 5. Holiday in your country | flying abroad. |
| 6. Set your washing machine to 30 degrees | using higher temperatures. |
| 7. Dry your clothes outside on a washing line | using a high-powered tumble dryer. |
| 8. Take a brief shower | running a hot bath. |
| 9. Boil only the water you need for a cup of tea | filling your kettle. |
| 10. Wash dirty dishes by hand | using a dishwasher. |
| 11. Exercise in the fresh air | running on a treadmill at the gym. |
| 12. Use a bike and/or public transport | owning a car. |
| 13. Insulate your home, including loft insulation | allowing major heat loss. |
| 14. Follow your body's natural circadian rhythms | living out of tune with your organism. |
| 15. Go to bed earlier in the colder months | staying up all night hammering power. |
| 16. Adjust your energy use to the current season | following the same pattern all year round. |
| 17. Consider using candles for lighting | only using electric lights. |
| 18. Unplug your chargers after use | leaving them connected to the power. |
| 19. Wear clothes appropriate for the season | always wearing a t-shirt and shorts at home. |
| 20. Use a microwave oven and/or slow cooker | a regular energy-sucking oven. |