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## Speaking and Listening – Discussion

### 20 Energy Saving Tips – Gap-Fill 2

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. Use a hand fan \_\_\_\_\_
2. Get used to lower temperatures at home \_\_\_\_\_
3. Hang thick curtains on all your windows \_\_\_\_\_
4. Take up hobbies that don't require electricity \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ relying on guesswork and hope.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ printing every document.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ allowing them to run up a huge bill.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ stubbornly sticking with the same provider.
9. Run a full washing machine \_\_\_\_\_
10. Don't heat and light empty rooms \_\_\_\_\_
11. Invest in solar panels for your roof \_\_\_\_\_
12. Use cold water when washing your hands \_\_\_\_\_
13. \_\_\_\_\_ persisting with old outdated equipment.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ leaving it on while you're asleep.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ insisting on sweltering temperatures.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ continuing to pump petrol into a gas guzzler.
17. Ride an electric bicycle or scooter \_\_\_\_\_
18. Use draught excluders on internal doors \_\_\_\_\_
19. Don't cover your radiators with furniture \_\_\_\_\_
20. Move to a warmer climate \_\_\_\_\_

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Answers may vary. Suggested answers:

*instead of*

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| 1. Use a hand fan                                    | air conditioning.                              |
| 2. Get used to lower temperatures at home            | pretending to live in a tropical climate.      |
| 3. Hang thick curtains on all your windows           | relying on blinds alone.                       |
| 4. Take up hobbies that don't require electricity    | using a lot of gadgets that need juice.        |
| 5. Use smart meters to keep track of energy usage    | relying on guesswork and hope.                 |
| 6. Limit what you print                              | printing every document.                       |
| 7. Encourage your family to save energy              | allowing them to run up a huge bill.           |
| 8. Shop around to get the best deal on energy        | stubbornly sticking with the same provider.    |
| 9. Run a full washing machine                        | putting in just a few items.                   |
| 10. Don't heat and light empty rooms                 | pointlessly wasting electricity.               |
| 11. Invest in solar panels for your roof             | letting your property remain unmonetized.      |
| 12. Use cold water when washing your hands           | being in the habit of using warm or hot water. |
| 13. Buy newer more energy-efficient appliances       | persisting with old outdated equipment.        |
| 14. Switch off your heating at night                 | leaving it on while you're asleep.             |
| 15. Turn down your thermostat a few degrees          | insisting on sweltering temperatures.          |
| 16. Buy an electric car                              | continuing to pump petrol into a gas guzzler.  |
| 17. Ride an electric bicycle or scooter              | driving a car.                                 |
| 18. Use draught excluders on internal doors          | allowing heat to escape between rooms.         |
| 19. Don't cover radiators with furniture or curtains | blocking heat and not letting it circulate.    |
| 20. Move to a warmer climate                         | living in a country that is generally cold.    |