

Reading comprehension: Smart spenders.

1 Read the article. Choose the incorrect sentence.

- a Jack and Sophie wasted money on movies. c David wasted money on sandwiches.
b Rita wasted money on transport.

Smart Spenders



Rita and David Grant and their twins, Jack and Sophie, 14, had a problem with money: they wasted ¹it. "We spent all our money before the end of the month," says Rita. "David and I are hard-working – ²we both have two jobs – but we never saved anything and we couldn't afford to go on vacation." Last month, the Grants went on a TV show called *Smart Spenders*. For four weeks, TV cameras followed them to see how ³they spent their money. Some of the results were quite interesting:

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Coffee	\$75
Taxis	\$98
Restaurant meals	\$297
Movie theater tickets	\$96
TOTAL	\$566

Now the Grants understand why they never have any money! "We're going to be smarter with our money now and stop wasting it on stupid things," says Rita. "We don't need ⁴them! We're going to stop eating out and David isn't going to go out for expensive coffee – he can make ⁵it at home. I'm going to start taking the bus instead of taxis, and Jack and Sophie aren't going to go to the movie theater every weekend."

"We're going to save money for the children's college education," says David. "And next year, we're going to go on vacation, but not an expensive one. We're going to go camping. This TV show changed our lives. ⁶It taught us that what we spend – or don't spend – is as important as what we earn."



2 Read again. Complete each sentence with one word from the text.

- Rita and David Grant have twins called Jack and Sophie.
- The Grants never had enough money for a _____.
- TV cameras followed the family for _____ weeks.
- Now Rita is going to start traveling by _____.
- Rita and David are going to save money so Jack and Sophie can go to _____.
- The family is going to go _____ on vacation.

3 Look at the highlighted pronouns in the text. Who or what do they refer to?

- money _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____