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How much does it cost?

1. Tick the sentences which you think are generally true.

A. Bus drivers **earn** more than architects.

B. A car **costs** more than a bike.

C. People **pay** more for a meal they make at home than for a meal at a restaurant.

D. You **spend** more on plane tickets if you travel during holidays.

E. You can **save** a lot of money on clothes if you don't care what company made them.

F. People often **waste** money because they buy things they don't need.

G. If you **borrow** money from a bank, you have to pay back the same amount.

H. If you **lend** money to a friend, they might not pay it back.

2. Choose an option in each sentence and complete the gaps so that the sentences are true for where you live.

EXAMPLE: A **chocolate bar** costs *€1.50.*

A. A **chocolate bar/kilo of carrots/kilo of cheese** costs _____.

B. If you work as a **nurse/manager/shop assistant/lawyer**, you earn _____.

C. You have to pay _____ for a **laptop/pair of socks/bike**.

D. If you go out to **have a meal/have coffee/party with your friends**, you will probably spend _____.

3. Complete the gaps with the correct words.

cost	is	pay	spend

A. A pair of shoes _____ $30.

B. Tomatoes _____ $3 per kilo.

C. You have to _____ $30 for it.

D. You will _____ $30 on a pair of shoes.

borrow	lend

E. I will _____ some money for new furniture.

F. I will _____ you some money for new furniture.

save	waste

G. I want to _____ some money for a new laptop.

H. I don't want to _____ money on a new laptop.

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4. Choose one option in each pair that you think is better. Explain why.

borrow money from a friend	or	borrow money from the bank
save money for a trip	or	borrow money for a trip
save money on food	or	save money on clothes
spend money on friends	or	spend money on yourself
lend a car	or	borrow a car
pay for the bus	or	pay for parking

5. Discuss the questions.

- Do you sometimes spend more money than you planned? Give examples.
- What is sometimes cheaper or more expensive to buy online?
- What would you like to spend less money on?
- What would you like to spend more money on?
- Have you ever lost or found some money? Give details.
- Do you sometimes waste money? If yes, how?



6. Match the sentence halves.

A. It's not easy to save money on **groceries**
B. People should buy **second-hand** things to save money
C. People should stop using **cash**
D. Students don't usually spend a lot of money on **rent**
E. The **average** price of an item of furniture should be lower

1. because they share rooms with other people.
2. because everyone needs to eat.
3. because it's not practical.
4. because people shouldn't have to borrow money to buy a table or a wardrobe.
5. because they are usually much cheaper.

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7. **Say which sentences in ex. 6 you agree with and give some details.**

8. **Watch the first part of a video [https://youtu.be/Jf9f6Yn9vbY] (to 00:33) and choose what you think the second part of the video is going to be about.**

   A. how you can save money if you live in the Netherlands

   B. how much different things cost in a city in the Netherlands

   C. how to find a cheap flat in the Netherlands

   D. how to find a job in the Netherlands

9. **Watch the second part of the video (from 00:34) and decide if the sentences are true or false. Correct the false sentences.**

   A. Students spend most money on rent and parties.

   B. Students pay a minimum of €350 for rent every month.

   C. It's difficult to pay less than €152 a month for groceries.

   D. You can buy a new bike for €50.

   E. If you have a special card, you can save some money on bus tickets.

   F. Going to restaurants can be expensive for students.

10. **Discuss the questions.**

- Is the place where you live expensive for students? Why do you think so?
- Are there any special discounts for students where you live?
- How can a student save money? How can they earn money?
- How much do these things cost where you live? What do the prices depend on?
  - groceries (per month)
  - a new pair of jeans
  - a second-hand bike
  - public transport (a ticket or a card per month)
  - a cinema ticket
  - a meal at a restaurant
- Have the prices changed recently?

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