

Vocabulary: verbs/nouns of 'using'

SAVE, SPEND, USE, WASTE

I. Remember the listening text? Choose the correct alternatives:

1. Americans *spend* / *use* an average of 770 litres of water every day!
2. You can *waste* / *spend* nine litres of water by leaving the tap on while you're cleaning your teeth.
3. The new system will *save* / *spend* a lot of water.
4. I *spend* / *use* about 20 minutes in the shower.

II. Which of these verbs can these nouns go with:

electricity

money

paper

space

time

water

SAVE	SPEND	USE	WASTE

III. Complete these sentences with the correct form of one of the verb noun collocations above.

1. I try to _____ by using envelopes again.
2. Turn the light off when you leave the room! You're _____ a lot of _____.
3. Don't _____! Turn the tap off while brushing your teeth!
4. Although my apartment is extremely small, I know how to _____ wisely and it is not cluttered.
5. Going by train is rather slow. Why don't you fly to Athens and you'll _____.
6. I'm going to _____ all my birthday _____ on new clothes and make-up.

IV. Choose the correct alternative for each of these questions, then answer them.

1. How much money do you *spend* / *use* on soft drinks every week?

2. How could you *save* / *spend* more water at home?

3. Is there any *wasted* / *used* space in your bedroom?

4. Do you think watching television is a *waste* / *saving* of time?

5. Do you think you *waste* / *spend* a lot of electricity?

6. How many *savings* / *uses* can you think of for a mirror?
