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?

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

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

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

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

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

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