

b) Take roles and read the dialogue aloud.

Bill: Hi, Julie. What's wrong?

Julie: Hi, Bill. I just can't believe it! My electricity bill was really expensive last month.

Bill: You must be wasting a lot of energy. You should save electricity to help the environment as well as to save money.

Julie: OK. What do you suggest?

Bill: First of all, maybe you could turn the lights off when you leave a room.

Julie: Good thinking. I'd save a lot of money on my bills.

Bill: Why don't you buy energy-saving light bulbs, too?

Julie: That's an excellent idea! What else would you suggest?

Bill: How about shutting your computer down when you're not using it?

Julie: I'm not sure about that. I often download music and need to keep it running. How about if I used a screensaver instead?

Bill: That would certainly save energy from your monitor.

Julie: Thanks, Bill. You've been a big help.

Bill: You're welcome.



| Making suggestions | Agreeing/Disagreeing |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How/What about (+ <i>-ing</i> form) ...? • Let's (+ bare infinitive) • Why not (+ bare infinitive) ...? • Perhaps/Maybe you/we could • Why don't you/we ...? • You/We should | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That sounds great. • I think it's a great idea. • That's an excellent idea! • Good thinking. • Yes, I suppose you're right. • OK. Why not? • OK. What do you suggest? |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I don't think it's a good idea. • I don't think so. • I'm not sure about that. • How about ... instead? |

Making decisions

3 a) The pictures show some possible ways to save energy at school. In pairs complete the sentences with: **CHECK**

install solar panels

energy-saving ones

turning on the air-conditioning

turn off lights

put stickers

1 If we all when classrooms are empty, we can save energy.



2 How about replacing all the light bulbs with ?



3 Why don't we on the computers to remind us to shut them down?



4 It would be a good idea to open windows instead of when it's hot.



5 Perhaps the school could to power the heating.



Complete the text with the words below. **CHECK**

stickers

installing

energy

panels

waste

save

sure

suggestion

provides

future

They decided putting 1) on the computers is a good 2) because it would make them shut their computers down and 3) energy. Installing solar 4) was suggested because the school wouldn't 5) any energy or money for heating or hot water in the 6) I agree with their decisions. I think it's a great idea to make 7) everyone is shutting down their computers as it would save a lot of energy. 8) solar panels is a good suggestion because it 9) a long-term solution to 10) waste.