

Daily Life - Heating (C0176)

- A: It's freezing in here! Can I turn up the heat?
- B: Don't touch that thermostat! You don't pay the bills around here!
- A: Dad! Are you serious? What's the point of having central heating if we can't use it! Look, I can see my breath!
- B: Put on a sweater! I'm not gonna let you run up my heating bill just because it's a bit chilly.
- A: Dad! I'm gonna catch a cold!
- B: When I was your age, my parents didn't have central heating like you do! We had a furnace in the center of the living room and that was it. We used it to cook, heat the house and even dry our clothes! We never caught a cold. You should be grateful!

Key Vocabulary

run up

phrase

acquire bills or debts

turn up	<i>phrase</i>	increase the intensity of a device
chilly	<i>Adjective</i>	very cold
catch a cold	<i>phrase</i>	become infected with a cold
grateful	<i>Adjective</i>	thankful

Supplementary Vocabulary

wood stove	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a metal closed fire chamber that burns wood fuel for heating and cooking
thermos	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	container lined with insulating material that keeps liquids hot or cold
fireplace	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a structure, made of stone or brick, for holding a fire at the base of a chimney

frost

*common noun,
singular*

a deposit of tiny ice crystals formed when water vapor condenses at a temperature below freezing

sub-zero
tempera-
tures

phrase

cold temperatures, below 0°C (zero degrees celsius)