

BONUS: Use your understanding of power and energy concepts to calculate your electricity consumption and its cost. Can you reduce it?

Appliance Details:

1. **LED bulb:** 10W, used for 5 hours/day
2. **Washing machine:** 500W, used for 1 hour/day
3. **Microwave:** 1000W, used for 0.5 hours/day
4. **Fan:** 75W, used for 8 hours/day
5. **Refrigerator:** 150W, runs 24 hours/day

Step-by-Step Calculation:

1. Calculate Daily Energy Consumption:

For each appliance, use the formula:

Energy (Wh)=Power (W)×Time (hours)

LED bulb:

$$10 \text{ W} \times 5 \text{ hours} = 50 \text{ Wh} \Rightarrow 0.05 \text{ kWh}$$

Washing machine:

$$500 \text{ W} \times 1 \text{ hour} = 500 \text{ Wh} \Rightarrow 0.5 \text{ kWh}$$

Microwave:

$$1000 \text{ W} \times 0.5 \text{ hours} = 500 \text{ Wh} \Rightarrow 0.5 \text{ kWh}$$

Fan:

$$75 \text{ W} \times 8 \text{ hours} = 600 \text{ Wh} \Rightarrow 0.6 \text{ kWh}$$

• Refrigerator:

$$150 \text{ W} \times 24 \text{ hours} = 3600 \text{ Wh} \Rightarrow 3.6 \text{ kWh}$$

2. Calculate Total Daily Energy Consumption:

$$\text{Total daily energy} = 0.05 + 0.5 + 0.5 + 0.6 + 3.6 = 5.25 \text{ kWh}$$

3. Calculate Monthly Energy Consumption:

$$\text{Monthly energy} = 5.25 \text{ kWh/day} \times 30 \text{ days} = 157.5 \text{ kWh}$$

4. Calculate Cost:

Assume the electricity rate in Egypt is 1.45 EGP per kWh (check the latest rates as they can vary).

Monthly cost = $157.5 \text{ kWh} \times 1.45 \text{ EGP/kWh}$

Reducing Electricity Consumption:

1. Upgrade to Energy-Efficient Appliances:

- Use energy-efficient models (e.g., Energy Star-rated).
- Replace old appliances with newer, more energy-efficient ones.

2. Optimize Usage:

- Turn off lights and appliances when not in use.
- Use power strips to easily turn off multiple devices.
- Utilize natural light during the day.

3. Implement Energy-Saving Practices:

- Set your refrigerator to an optimal temperature.
- Use the washing machine with full loads and at lower temperatures.
- Use fans instead of air conditioners when possible.
- Set the air conditioner to a higher temperature (e.g., 24-26°C) and use it only when necessary.