

How much does it cost?

1. Tick the sentences which you think are generally true.

- A. Bus drivers **earn** more than architects.
- B. A car **costs** more than a bike.
- C. People **pay** more for a meal they make at home than for a meal at a restaurant.
- D. You **spend** more on plane tickets if you travel during holidays.
- E. You can **save** a lot of money on clothes if you don't care what company made them.
- F. People often **waste** money because they buy things they don't need.
- G. If you **borrow** money from a bank, you have to pay back the same amount.
- H. If you **lend** money to a friend, they might not pay it back.

2. Choose an option in each sentence and complete the gaps so that the sentences are true for where you live.

EXAMPLE: A **chocolate bar** costs €1.50.

- A. A **chocolate bar/kilo of carrots/kilo of cheese** costs _____.
- B. If you work as a **nurse/manager/shop assistant/lawyer**, you earn _____.
- C. You have to pay _____ for a **laptop/pair of socks/bike**.
- D. If you go out to **have a meal/have coffee/party with your friends**, you will probably spend _____.

3. Complete the gaps with the correct words.

cost

is

pay

spend

- A. A pair of shoes _____ \$30.
- B. Tomatoes _____ \$3 per kilo.
- C. You have to _____ \$30 for it.
- D. You will _____ \$30 on a pair of shoes.

borrow

lend

- E. I will _____ some money for new furniture.
- F. I will _____ you some money for new furniture.

save

waste

- G. I want to _____ some money for a new laptop.
- H. I don't want to _____ money on a new laptop.

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4. Choose one option in each pair that you think is better. Explain why.

borrow money from a friend	or	borrow money from the bank
save money for a trip	or	borrow money for a trip
save money on food	or	save money on clothes
spend money on friends	or	spend money on yourself
lend a car	or	borrow a car
pay for the bus	or	pay for parking

5. Discuss the questions.

- Do you sometimes spend more money than you planned? Give examples.
- What is sometimes cheaper or more expensive to buy online?
- What would you like to spend less money on?
- What would you like to spend more money on?
- Have you ever lost or found some money? Give details.
- Do you sometimes waste money? If yes, how?



6. Match the sentence halves.

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| A. It's not easy to save money on groceries | 1. because they share rooms with other people. |
| B. People should buy second-hand things to save money | 2. because everyone needs to eat. |
| C. People should stop using cash | 3. because it's not practical. |
| D. Students don't usually spend a lot of money on rent | 4. because people shouldn't have to borrow money to buy a table or a wardrobe. |
| E. The average price of an item of furniture should be lower | 5. because they are usually much cheaper. |

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7. Say which sentences in ex. 6 you agree with and give some details.
8. Watch the first part of a [video](https://youtu.be/Jf9f6Yn9vbY) [https://youtu.be/Jf9f6Yn9vbY] (to 00:33) and choose what you think the second part of the video is going to be about.
- A. how you can save money if you live in the Netherlands
 - B. how much different things cost in a city in the Netherlands
 - C. how to find a cheap flat in the Netherlands
 - D. how to find a job in the Netherlands
9. Watch the second part of the [video](#) (from 00:34) and decide if the sentences are true or false. Correct the false sentences.
- A. Students spend most money on rent and parties.
 - B. Students pay a minimum of €350 for rent every month.
 - C. It's difficult to pay less than €152 a month for groceries.
 - D. You can buy a new bike for €50.
 - E. If you have a special card, you can save some money on bus tickets.
 - F. Going to restaurants can be expensive for students.
10. Discuss the questions.
- Is the place where you live expensive for students? Why do you think so?
 - Are there any special discounts for students where you live?
 - How can a student save money? How can they earn money?
 - How much do these things cost where you live? What do the prices depend on?
 - groceries (per month)
 - a new pair of jeans
 - a second-hand bike
 - public transport (a ticket or a card per month)
 - a cinema ticket
 - a meal at a restaurant
 - Have the prices changed recently?