

Read the text, using a dictionary if you wish. Then write a few lines saying which suggestion you think is most useful, and why. Do you think any of the suggestions are useless. If so, why? Can you add any suggestions of your own?

1 Save money on holidays by exchanging homes with a foreign family.

2 Learn to do your own simple plumbing and electrical repairs.

3 Knit your own sweaters.

4 Drive smoothly, without sudden stops and starts—it uses less petrol.

5 Don't drive when you can walk.

6 Telephone people at times when you know they're busy—your conversations will be shorter.

7 Put your telephone in an uncomfortably noisy place.

8 Form a group with other people to share the shopping—you won't have to drive to shops so often, and you'll save money by buying in bulk.

9 Invite people to tea or coffee instead of dinner.

10 Borrow books from public library instead of buying them.

11 Buy fewer newspapers and magazines—you probably don't read them all anyway.

12 Don't use a dishwasher or washing machine without a full load.

13 Take showers instead of baths.

14 Buy cheap throwaway shoes for rough wear (expensive shoes need expensive mending).

15 Don't send sheets to the laundry—use non-iron sheets and wash them yourself.

16 Be very careful about turning lights off when they are not needed.

17 Eat less meat and more vegetables (cheaper and healthier).

19 Make your own jam and marmalade.

20 Learn to do your own hair.

I think it's a good idea to ...

In my opinion, it's silly to ...

Another way of saving money is to ...