

Save Money on Utilities

Pre-reading:

Questions:

- How much do you pay for utilities?
- Would you like to pay less?

Vocabulary:

- Caulk – put a toothpaste like plastic in cracks
- Thermal – heat saving



Reading

Jane is afraid to open the utility bill. How much will it be? Will she have enough money to pay the bill?

Jane and her husband Sam want to lower their energy bill. A friend gave them some ideas. He said:

For heating and cooling

- Turn your heat down to 60 degrees at night while you sleep and are warm under the blankets
- Use fans instead of air conditioning. It is cheaper.
- Caulk windows where cold air is entering or buy thermal curtains.
- Put a towel on the floor by the door to keep cold air out.

For electricity

- Use a microwave instead of the stove. It costs less.
- Use energy saving fluorescent bulbs. They last longer and use less energy.



Jane and Sam want to try these ideas. They want to save money and save energy.

Understanding

1. Jane and Sam want to _____ their energy bill.
2. Who gave them ideas? _____
3. What can they do at night to save energy? _____
4. How can they keep cold air out? _____
5. Which costs less to use; the microwave or the stove? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Or

Choice B: How could you save on your heating and electric bill?

