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Money activities

# What things cost

## Smart savings

Energy companies are installing smart meters to make monitoring energy usage easier for consumers. Many people may already have them. They do away with the need to submit meter readings and allow you to see how much energy is being used both immediately and over the longer term.

Encourage your child to think about the cost of their own, and your family's, energy usage by playing the 'Energy Game'. This involves them turning electrical appliances and lights on and off individually and noting how the cost per hour goes up and down. Then ask them to make a list of the cheapest and most expensive items or rooms to run in the house. You could take this one step further by rewarding them for their energy-saving habits afterwards.



## Tell a teacher!

Why not get your child's school to sign up to the MoneySense programme online? There is a wealth of resources for teachers to use in the classroom, including workshops, activity sheets, quizzes and videos. All resources are linked to the National Curriculum and accredited by Young Money.

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