

HOW MUCH CAN YOU SAVE?

HOW TO PLAY: Give everyone in the audience £200 – game is to find out how much they have left, or make.... (those who go into overdraft will most benefit from tips in *Save cash and save the planet*).

Takes 10-15mins, good ice breaker, helps speaker gauge audience knowledge/interest, good for local groups + new members

GIFTS

1 It's your mum's birthday – what do you give her? [Or to significant others]

- a) You nearly forgot so have to get a big last minute, expensive present from[choose name of posh local shop]. Cost £35
- b) Get a bunch of flowers sent by Charity Flowers. Everyone loves flowers don't they? Cost £20
- c) Present a homemade voucher promising "I will do four hours of supersonic gardening/DIY plus prepare a home cooked feast." Cost: free

TRAVEL

2 You're late up. How do you get to school? Or work?

- a) Car. After all it costs me £102 a week to run.
- b) By bus – again. Cost: a week's bus tickets £10 (or more)
- c) Own steam – foot or bike. It gets me there faster anyway and I save on gym membership. Gain: £10

POWER

3 You're renting a new place and the light in the sitting room has gone. Do you:

- a) Buy a cheapie at the corner shop, even if it is F rating – your mates can deal with it next time. Cost £65
- b) Use a normal light bulb found under the stairs. Cost £65.
- c) Switch to energy saving. It'll save £65 in energy bills over the lifetime of the bulb. Gain: £60 (because the bulb costs about a fiver)

GARDEN

4 It's good weather again – but your lawnmower is broken. Do you:

- a) Buy a new one from Argos. Cost £50 plus a temptation penalty of £40 = £90
- b) Struggle to mend it, then have to get it repaired £20 + £40 = £60
- c) Talk to neighbours about sharing tools, then organise a swap with a hedge trimmer mate. £50 max

DRESS

5 Posh do coming up... a wedding. Do you:

- a) Treat yourself to a new outfit – and shoes £120 (or would you spend more?)
- b) Check out eBay? Loot? 2nd hand shops? £35

CLEANING

6 How much does your favourite brand of cleaner cost?

- a) Shop-bought product. That's £25 a year at least.
- b) I like variety so I use bicarb, lemon and vinegar. It's also safe and cheap. Cost £10 a year.