

14. How can we cut down?

Joyce and Patrick are a young couple with a small son, Mark. They want to start saving about £50 a month. You will hear them talking about what they spend their money on and suggesting to each other how they could economize. As you listen, fill in as many details as you can in the tables below:

Table 1

INCOME						
Patrick earns £..... a month.			Joyce earns £..... a week.			
REGULAR EXPENSES	Cost per week		Cost per month		Cost per quarter	
	£	p	£	p	£	p
ITEMS						
rent						
electricity						
telephone						
car						
TV						
supermarket						
meat						
milk						
dog food						
hairdresser						
cigarettes						
fares						
Mark's playschool						
babysitter						
ADDITIONAL EXPENSES THIS MONTH			cost			
ITEMS			£ p			
Coat for Mark						
Shoes for Mark						
TOTAL EXPENSES THIS MONTH			£			
This month Joyce and Patrick spent						

Under SUGGESTIONS write down, in note form, Joyce and Patrick's suggestions for ECONOMIZING. Under reactions write down what they feel about the suggestions.

Table 2

SUGGESTIONS	ECONOMIZING

Discussion Stage

1. Complete Table 1 with the help of the other 2 groups.
2. Calculate how much Joyce and Patrick saved this month.
3. Find out from the other 2 groups what suggestions for economizing they heard Joyce and Patrick making.
4. Decide how Joyce and Patrick could best save about £50 each month