

Forum post: suggesting and giving advice

1 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Do you ever worry about money? If so, what do you worry about? If not, why not?
- 2 What do you think the saying 'Money doesn't grow on trees' means? Do you agree with it?

2 Read Adele's forum post and answer the questions (1-3).

**Adele** My friends and I are staying in campsites for three weeks this summer. We're going to be in remote areas, so I think we'll have to carry quite a lot of cash. How much should we take for everyday expenses and emergencies? And how can we keep cash and cards safe? I've heard some horror stories about people losing all their money on holiday. Last year, one of my friends had a lot of cash and his cards stolen from a youth hostel. He had to cancel his debit card and borrow money from his friends.

- 1 Why does Adele say she'll need lots of cash?
- 2 What does she think she will need cash for?
- 3 Why is she concerned about keeping her cash and cards safe?

3 Imagine you are going to reply to Adele. Make notes of your ideas for each point. Discuss your notes in pairs.

Cash for everyday expenses: Food, ...  
 How much cash: £ ...  
 Emergencies: Use your ...  
 Safety: Keep cash and cards in a ...

4 Read Sammy's reply to Adele's post. Discuss the questions (1-3).

**Sammy** I suggest you work out a daily budget covering food, drink, and transport, and take enough cash for a couple of days. I wouldn't bother taking loads of cash as most campsites accept cards. However, I'd definitely take a cash emergency fund of £100.  
 To keep your money safe, I'd recommend buying a small lock that you can use on your rucksack. If you don't want to do this, then you might want to sleep with your wallet under your pillow at night.

- 1 What is Sammy's advice on each point? Is it the same as you gave in your notes?
- 2 Which phrases does he use to suggest and advise?
- 3 Does he use formal or informal language?

5 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences (1-5).

- 1 Personally, I would recommend that you *keep/would keep* your cards separately from your cash.
- 2 The best thing to do is *taking/to take* a bit more money than you think you need.
- 3 Don't even think about *leaving/to leave* your bag unattended at a bus or railway station!
- 4 It's a good idea *telling/to tell* your bank if you're going to be travelling abroad.
- 5 It's worth *buying/to buy* a money belt that you can wear under your jeans.

EXAM STRATEGY

Take time to think of some ideas for each of the three points in the task and make notes. Write down any relevant vocabulary that you may use in your text.

6 EXAM TASK Read Jack's forum post. Write a forum post of at least 100 words in which you:

- ▶ give advice about how to save for things,
- ▶ suggest ways to spend less,
- ▶ describe your own experience of saving up.

**Jack** I love technology and always want the latest gadgets. Right now I really want to buy a new phone. I've saved some money from my part-time job, but I need to save quite a bit more.  
 My problem is that I find it really hard to save! I spend a lot on clothes because I like to look good, and I love buying presents for people, especially my girlfriend. It's my way of showing I care about them.  
 I have tried saving in the past, but I've never managed to keep it up for longer than a month. Can anyone advise me on how to save more effectively??

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7 Check your work.

- Have you written about all three points in the task?
- Have you used appropriate informal language for an online forum post?
- Have you used the correct language for making suggestions and giving advice?
- Have you written at least 100 words?

## Blog/forum post: making suggestions, suggesting solutions, suggesting and giving advice

### Giving advice

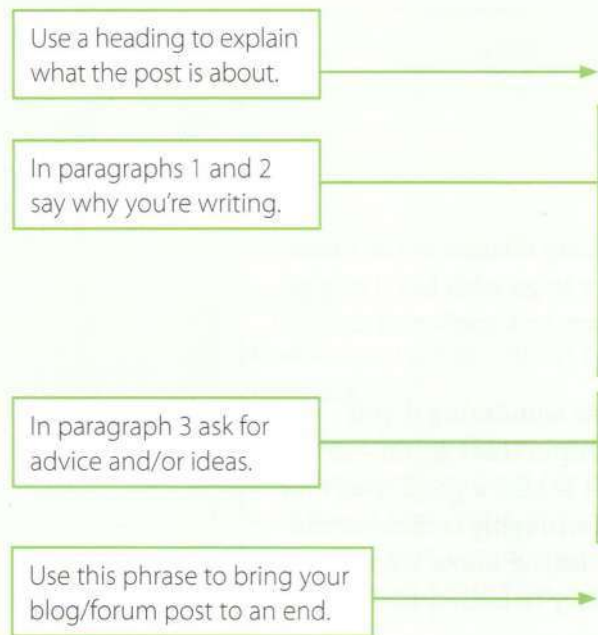
In my experience, ...  
I think you will be fine (taking) ...  
I would definitely (take) ... if I were you.  
I don't think you need to worry about ...  
Personally, I would recommend ...  
If you want ..., you should ...  
Don't even think about ...!  
There's no need to/You don't need to ...  
The best thing to do is to ...  
It's (not) a good idea to ...  
I wouldn't bother (taking) ...  
It's worth (taking) ...

### Asking for advice

What's the best way to ... ?  
Are there any (ATMs) ... ?  
How much (cash)/What (type of card) should I take?  
Should I ... ?

### BETH'S BLOG

Help! I think I have an Internet addiction. I surf the Internet all day long. I text, chat on social media, play games, and watch funny videos. Maybe this all sounds fine, but my parents say there should be a limit. They think my schoolwork is suffering, and my teachers feel the same way. But I feel lost without my phone – I don't think I could survive a day without it. What's the best way to cure yourself of this type of addiction? I'd love to hear your ideas.



### Friends in need

Recently one of my friends was ill and was in hospital for several months. It was a very worrying time for her and her family, but she always enjoyed it when her school friends visited her.

Sadly, a lot of them couldn't afford the bus fare to get to the hospital. So, I want to raise some money for the hospital to help people visit the patients.

What's the best way to raise money for charity? Has anyone ever done something that worked really well? Is a sponsored bike ride a good idea, for example, or should I do something more unusual?

I'd like to hear from you with your ideas and advice. Please let me know what you think!

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If appropriate, end with your name.