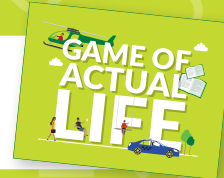




## Bills to Pay

*Sponsored by Game of Actual Life*



**Overview:** An engaging way to help bills make sense and show the cost of running a home.

**Time:** 10 minutes

**Equipment required:** Dry wipe board or large piece of paper and pen .

### Benefits:

- Helps children appreciate the cost of running a household and how they can help.
- Great way to build maths skills.
- Improves understanding of the value of money.

### Part One:

1. List on class whiteboard or paper five things we need to pay bills for. Examples include gas, electricity, water, broadband, window cleaning, school dinners etc.
2. Ask the children to estimate how much per month their house pays for each one.
3. Discuss: Which ones are seen as the least and most expensive? Why?
4. Discuss: Which is the most important to a happy life? Why?

### Part Two:

1. Provide an average monthly cost for each of the types of bills listed.
2. Ask the children to figure out the total cost of the average bill.
3. Discuss: are they surprised at how much it costs? Why?
4. Discuss: what can be done to reduce household bills?