

## WARM BANKS

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## 'WARM BANKS' SPREAD IN UK AS HEATING COSTS RISE



The U.K. is one of the world's richest countries, but people are finding it increasingly difficult to pay energy bills. Electricity and gas bills could rise fourfold by the winter. Even people on good salaries are feeling the pinch. Lower-paid workers and those who have retired may soon be faced with a stark choice of heating or eating. Local governments have devised a makeshift solution. They are converting communal areas like libraries into spaces where people can go to stay warm for free. These are called "heat banks". Money-saving expert Martin Lewis said he is dumbfounded by the idea of warm banks in a supposedly wealthy country. The U.K. already has hundreds of food banks for those who struggle to afford to eat.

Britons are already taking drastic measures to avoid skyrocketing energy costs. One woman has disconnected her refrigerator and is storing perishable goods in cold water. A man has turned off his electric kettle and is drinking water instead of hot coffee. Last winter, an older lady used her free bus pass to sit on a warm bus all day instead of sitting at home in the cold. Many people are furious with the government and fossil fuel companies. Giant oil companies are making record profits, and the government is reluctant to implement a one-off "windfall tax". The U.K.'s National Energy Action group said that each year, around 11,400 deaths are caused by cold weather. They predict this figure will rise further this year.

## CHAT

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## DISCUSSION

- 1- What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'heat'?
3. How rich is your country?
4. Are your bills increasingly difficult to pay?
5. When was the last time you felt the pinch?
6. Have you ever had a stark choice to make?
7. What do you think of people in the UK having to heat or eat?
8. What do you think of the idea of 'warm banks'?
9. Why does a rich country like the UK have warm banks?
- 10- How bad would it be if you struggled to eat?

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The U.K
- Rise fourfold
- Already
- Further



### RANKING

Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways to stay warm in the cold winter at the top .

- Extra clothes
- Blanket
- Sit under the sun
- Drink hot tea
- Exercise
- Hot bath
- Go to McDonald's
- Hug someone

Write your reasons to explain:

1- \_\_\_\_\_

2- \_\_\_\_\_

3- \_\_\_\_\_

### VOCABULARY (PARAGRAPH 1)

Last winter, an older lady used her free bus pass to sit on a warm bus all day instead of sitting at home in the cold.

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|----------------------|---|
| 1) Bill              | A. Planned or invented a system by careful thought.                           |
| 2) Fourfold          | B. Experiencing hardship, especially financial.                               |
| 3) Feeling the pinch | C. Four times as great or as numerous.  |
| 4) Stark             | D. Greatly astonished or amazed.  |
| 5) Devised           | E. A printed or written statement of the money owed for goods or services.    |
| 6) Expert            | F. Severe   |
| 7) Dumbfounded       | G. A person who is very knowledgeable about or skillful in a particular area. |

### VOCABULARY (PARAGRAPH 2)



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|-----------------|---|
| 1) Drastic      | A. Extremely angry.   |
| 2) Skyrocketing | B. Put a decision, plan, agreement, etc. into effect.                   |
| 3) Perishable   | C. Unwilling and hesitant.  |
| 4) Furious      | D. Increasing very steeply or rapidly.                                  |
| 5) Reluctant    | E. A large amount of money that is won or received unexpectedly.        |
| 6) Implement    | F. Likely to have a strong or far-reaching effect; radical and extreme. |
| 7) Windfall     | G. Especially of food, likely to decay or go bad quickly.               |

## WRITE YOUR OWN QUESTIONS!

### STUDENT'S QUESTIONS



- (a) \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) \_\_\_\_\_

### ROLE PLAY

A man has turned off his electric kettle and is drinking water instead of hot coffee.

You think exercise is the best thing for keeping warm. Tell the others three reasons why.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_

You think extra clothes is the best thing for keeping warm. Tell the others three reasons why.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_

You think drinking hot tea is the best thing for keeping warm. Tell the others three reasons why.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_



### WRITE THE MISSING LETTERS!



Th\_ \_K. \_s \_n\_ \_f th\_ w\_rld's r\_ch\_st c\_ntr\_ \_s, b\_t p\_\_pl\_ \_r\_ f\_ndng \_t \_ncr\_\_s\_n gly d\_ff\_c\_lt t\_ p\_y \_n\_rgy b\_lls. \_l\_ctr\_c\_ty \_nd g\_s b\_lls c\_ld r\_s\_ f\_\_rf\_ld by th\_ w \_nt\_r. \_v\_n p\_\_pl\_ \_n g\_d s\_l\_r\_s \_r\_ f\_l\_ng th\_ p\_nch. L\_w\_r- p\_d w\_rk\_rs \_nd th\_s\_ wh\_ h\_v\_ r\_t\_r\_d m\_y s\_n b\_ f\_c\_d w\_th \_ st\_rk ch\_\_c\_ \_f h\_\_tng \_r \_\_tng. L\_c\_l g\_v\_rnm\_nts h\_v\_ d\_v\_s\_d \_ m\_k\_sh\_ft s\_l\_t\_n. Th\_y \_r\_ c\_nv\_rting c\_mm\_n\_l \_r\_s l\_k\_ l\_br\_r\_s \_nt\_ sp\_c\_s wh\_r\_ p\_\_pl\_ c\_n g\_ t\_ st\_y w\_r m\_f\_r fr\_. Th\_s\_ \_r\_ c\_ll\_d "h\_\_t b\_nks". M\_n\_y- s\_v\_ng \_xp\_r\_t M\_r\_t\_n L\_w\_s s\_d h\_ \_s d\_mbf\_\_nd\_d by th\_ \_d\_ \_f w\_rm b\_nks \_n \_ s\_pp\_s\_dly w\_lthy c\_ntry. Th\_ \_K. \_l\_r\_dy h\_s h\_ndr\_ds \_f f\_\_d b\_nks f\_r th\_s\_ w h\_ str\_ggl\_ t\_ \_ff\_rd t\_ \_\_t.

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### WRITING

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