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I'm worried about our debts - we're in a mess, I can't sleep and am worried about the future.

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Evening time - after the children have gone to bed. I will get all the bills together, make a list of the credit that I'm using. I will also get a file for us to organise ourselves, a calculator and paper.

What do I want the end result of the conversation to be?

We will know what we owe. We will have stopped avoiding the conversation and we will have a plan for moving forward.

How will I start this conversation? How will I end it?

By getting us to write down who we owe money to

Positively, our debts may be a lot but I am sure we can sort them out.

We will end by planning a time to sit down and figure out our budget.

What am I not going to say, or what do I NOT want to happen? I'm not going to get negative. I'm not going to blame anyone for how I feel they may have acted - I'm going to remain focused on sorting this out, looking forward NOT back.