**Communication/conversation scenarios**

**Scenario 1 - Always running out of money…**

Jake is 13 and has an allowance of £5 per week. Often, halfway through the week Jake asks his mother, Katie, for more money as he has used up all his allowance. He says things like “Mum, can I have £10 for lunch and stuff for the rest of the week? I’ve run out already! You don’t give me enough, it’s just not fair…”

Katie can’t afford to give Jake another £10 every week, but often she does as she feels guilty or because Jake catches her at an awkward time. *How can Katie talk to her son about this?*

**Scenario 2 – Turn it off!**

Mel has a teenage daughter, Layla. Mel is a single parent on a tight budget, and energy bills are high. Layla doesn’t seem to notice though: Mel often finds once Layla has gone out that her bedroom light, TV and heater are left on, & several devices charging. Layla also showers twice a day and leaves her hair straighteners plugged in for hours.

Mel’s tried talked to Layla about turning things off but no matter what Mel says, Layla’s habits don’t seem to change. Mel is really worried about making ends meet if this carries on. *What can she do?*

**Scenario 3 - How much?!**

Ali has given his son Mehmet a mobile phone as he will be going to secondary school soon. Although the phone is only supposed to be for emergencies, Mehmet has already been using the phone to call his friends and watch videos, and Ali has spotted some games apps on the screen. The first phone bill has come through and it’s much higher than Ali expected. *What should he say to Mehmet? And how can he talk to the phone company about the size of the bill?*