

Pinching Entertainment Pennies



1. Have Fun at Home with Friends and Family

- Rent a DVD instead of going to the movies
- Better yet, go to the library and borrow one for free
- Cook a nice meal at home instead of going out
- Read
- Exercise
- Play a musical instrument
- Play a board game such as checkers or chess
- Play a computer game or do a jig saw puzzle

2. Going out

- **Restaurants** – Everyone knows it is more expensive to eat in a restaurant than to cook and eat at home. But sometimes it is nice to have a treat and go out. The trick is to plan and budget for it. And watch for specials.
 1. Early bird specials
 2. Coupons
 3. Half-off second meal
- **Movies** – Go to the matinee which is generally cheaper than evening shows.
- **Shows** - Get a bunch of friends together and see if you can get a group rate.
- **Freebees in Town** – Some cities have free access to museums. Many have nice parks to walk in or have a picnic. And sometimes there is even a free concert to enjoy.
- **Student Discounts** – Many museums, sporting events and shows offer discounts to students and other groups. Check it out.

3. What NOT to Do

- Don't make a habit of getting take-out coffee or a frozen drink at a fancy coffee shop
- Don't buy a crummy but expensive sandwich for lunch at a corner take-out. Instead, brown-bag it for a quarter of the price.

4. And Finally ...

Smoking is an expensive and unhealthy habit.
If you smoke, now is the time to quit.





Questions: Pinching Entertainment Pennies



1. If you want to see a movie the cheapest way to do it is

2. If you want to see a movie at a movie theater the cheapest time to do it is

3. Three ways restaurants make your visit less expensive are

4. What are three things you can do with your family at home instead of spending money on outside entertainment?

5. Think of two things you could do outside that are fun and are free or inexpensive.

6. What change in your life could you make today that would save you money?

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