

《高中英语（上外版）》选择性必修第四册Unit 2 Learning about Trade and Economy

课时：第5课时（0.5课时）

课题：Speaking about Trade and Economy

课型：Speaking

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Worksheet

Step 1: Work in groups. Brainstorm budget items for the spring outing.

Possible answers: food for lunch, water, drinks, T-shirt, flag, medicine, bus fare, park ticket, raincoat, umbrella, souvenir, photo, etc.

Step 2: Each group ranks the chosen items in order of importance and weighs up the costs and benefits of each item to decide whether to buy it or not. Opinions can be expressed referring to the following useful expressions.

Possible version:

S1: As far as I am concerned, everyone should wear the same T-shirt during the outing. It will be easy for us to find each other. Does that sound acceptable?

S2: I see your point. But from my perspective, T-shirts for everyone could be quite expensive.

S1: So what do you suggest?

S2: If you ask me, I'd suggest wearing our school uniforms. I think a flag in the front can guide us to make sure no one gets lost. You know a flag costs much less than 40 T-shirts.

S3: It seems that travel insurance is a must for everyone. What's your opinion.

S4: I agree. And the insurance doesn't cost much but it is necessary to ensure our safety.

S1: Bus fare and park tickets are also a must for the spring outing, so the fees should be set aside.

S3: That's true. How about buying a hat for everyone from being suntanned since the weatherman says it will be very hot that day.

S4: From my personal standpoint, a hat is necessary but we can bring our own hats instead of buying one, because we have only 1000 yuan, a rather tight budget.

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Step 3: Interactive activity: Each group writes its budget plan briefly and presents it in class and explains how decisions were reached. After that, the whole class vote for the best budget plan.

Possible version of a budget plan: Our group had a heated discussion and finally came to the budget plan for the spring outing. Our group think that the limited 1000 yuan should be spent accordingly and reasonably. First, with regard to a spring outing, a travel insurance is a must to ensure our safety. Secondly, bottled water is a necessity to cool everyone down on the way and keep everyone from being thirsty. Thirdly, a red flag can help keep the whole class clinging to each other from getting lost. Fourthly, if the destination of the trip is a park or a museum, or someplace where an admission is required, some money should be set aside for the tickets. And finally, buying each member a souvenir is likely to be a considerate try. All these items are of great importance and they are also within our budget, so we think the budget plan is a proper one.