

1 A new mobile phone
If you're looking for a decent and basic new mobile phone, the Nokia 1200 is a good bet. It's available for £15 PAYG from Virgin (which comes second in our new satisfaction survey). It's a very light candy-bar-style phone. Sound and reception are decent, and battery life is great. The black-and-white display screen is easy to read. It's small though, meaning you'll have to do a fair amount of scrolling to read long texts. Its all-in-one keypad is designed to stop the dirt and dust that could build up under individual keys.

You won't get extras like a camera, Bluetooth or a music player, but you wouldn't expect these for the price. For our latest test results, turn to p70 or visit www.which.co.uk/mobilephones for more.



2 Holiday extras
Simplyparking.co.uk and Holidayextras.co.uk are great websites for

savings on airport parking and hotels.

One of the best features is that you can get a great discount on parking for the duration of your holiday included in the price of the hotel.

Even if you don't plan on staying at an airport hotel you should always pre-book your parking for better rates.

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On track for savings

Cheaper travel, shopping, gardening, and water with fizz

3 Bottled fizzy water
Producing bottled water emits hundreds of times as much greenhouse gas as producing a litre of tap water, and some is imported. However, many of us prefer fizzy water. There is an alternative – a Soda Stream costs £40 from Argos and comes with a gas cylinder that will fizz 60 litres of your water. If you return the cylinder after use you can get two replacements for £29.70 – so after your initial outlay that's 37p for every 1.5 litres, less than half the cost of a 1.5 litre bottle of Evian at Sainsbury's, and you can add flavours, too.



4 If you're visiting London
Get cheaper bus and tube fares with a Visitor Oyster card. You can buy the PAYG card for £2 and then load it with either £10 or £15 of credit. Oyster single fares are cheaper than cash: you'll pay £1.50-£2.50 less per tube journey and more than 50 per cent less on buses. Unused credit can be refunded. Holders of senior, HM Forces, disabled or young person's railcards can have their discounts loaded on the card, saving a third on the daily off-peak Oyster price cap.



5 eBay alternatives
If you're interested in selling items, eBay is a good place to start, but is not the only option. Alternative sites, such as eBid and Gumtree, can work out cheaper, although they may not have the same reach. Your local paper will often let you list items to sell free of charge. If you're looking for a bargain, www.pricecutreview.com/uk lists all current Amazon products selling at half price or less. New items are added daily. The most notable are added to the site's 'top picks'.

YOUR IDEAS

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