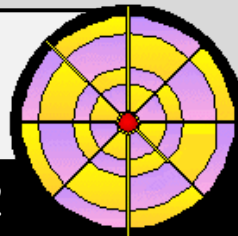


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MPs to get pay rise next month

MPs will get a pay rise on the 1st of April. The 2.7% rise will come in the same week that millions of workers see their wages hit by a National Insurance increase.

Currently, the salary for an MP is £81 932.

- (a) How much of a pay rise will MP's receive?
- (b) What will their new annual salary be?



Price of first class stamps to rise to 95p

The price of a first class stamp will rise by 10p to 95p as Royal Mail seeks to cover higher delivery costs while the number of letters being sent falls.

- (a) How much does a first class stamp currently cost?

Second class stamps will increase in price by a fifth of the first class stamp price increase.

- (b) By how much will a second class stamp increase in price?

The Royal Mail sells stamps in books of 4, 6 or 12. After the increase, a book of 6 second class stamps will cost £4.08.

- (c) How much will it cost for a book of 12 second class stamps?
- (d) How much will it cost for a book of 4 second class stamps?
- (e) How much does it currently cost for a second class stamp?



BUSINESS

Royal Mail

Home appliances are still adding money to your energy bill when they're not being used

Now energy bills are rising at an unprecedented rate, millions of Brits are doing everything they can to keep them as low as possible.

People are trying to turn the heating on less often, sitting in the dark, and limiting leisure activities which include TVs and games consoles.

But what many people don't realise, is that unless appliances are turned off completely, they will still cost you money.

A Sony PlayStation costs 2.41p in energy per hour played, and, when left on standby, costs 0.18p per hour.

How much would a Sony PlayStation cost to run if left on standby for a year?



ENVIRONMENT

Forgotten bank account pays out 60 years later

When six year old Carol Allison lived in Edinburgh with her granny, she was taken every week for 50 weeks to the bank to deposit a shilling into her account.

One shilling was worth a twentieth of a pound.

More than 60 years later, she found the forgotten bank book while tidying her house and took it along to her bank.

She found that the amount she had deposited was now worth 100 times this amount and the money was hers to collect.

How much money did Carol withdraw from her bank account?

