One of the benefits of being online is the opportunity to manage your money online - and even save money, too. The internet can help people buy things that can be delivered directly to their door, compare prices at the click of a button, find special bargains, set up direct debits and keep an eye on their bank accounts. Introducing people to the world of buying and banking online is a great idea for one of your sessions!

Things to try...

Price comparisons
Ask your learners about something they buy regularly and show them how they can find it cheaper online by using price comparison websites. Car insurance or fuel bills are both a good start.

There are loads of comparison sites out there but try one they might have seen on television. An internet beginner is more likely to trust a site they've already heard of, especially when it comes to money matters. Good sites to try include www.comparethemarket.com, www.confused.com, and www.uswitch.com.

Bargains and vouchers
Even if they're not online, most people know there are bargains to be found on the internet - if you know where to look. These sites are great examples to show someone how the web can provide big savings.

http://www.moneysavingexpert.com
This is site is full to bursting with voucher codes to get money off restaurant bills and online shopping and also has loads of great advice on consumer rights and how to save money on household bills.

http://www.travelsupermarket.com/
This award winning site is a great place to start if you’ve got learners who want to get online to find the best possible deal for their holidays. It allows you to compare the costs of flights and packages across loads of travel companies, as well as car hire, travel insurance and lots of other holiday essentials.

Shopping Quiz
Why not show your learners the website of their regular supermarket? You could put together a typical shopping list, and pair your new visitors up in teams to see who can find and call out the price of each item first. Give out chocolate prizes to the team who find the cheapest option, fastest!
Internet banking
Banking online can be pretty scary for people new to the internet, but most of the big banks have quick video demos or how-to guides to reassure people that it’s just as safe as going in to your local branch, and a lot more convenient. Why not show a new learner to help put their mind at rest?

- Halifax - A quick tour of online banking
- HSBC - Internet banking demo
- TSB - Internet Banking Demo
- Santander - Online banking demo
- Natwest - Online banking

Don’t forget, once you’ve got them hooked on the idea of doing all things financial online, book them in for a full session where you can introduce them properly to Learn My Way and Online Basics.

Next steps... on Learn My Way

Managing your money online
Finances can be tricky, but this subject will teach learners how to do budgeting, banking and shopping online in a safe and easy way.