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Greenest - Economics

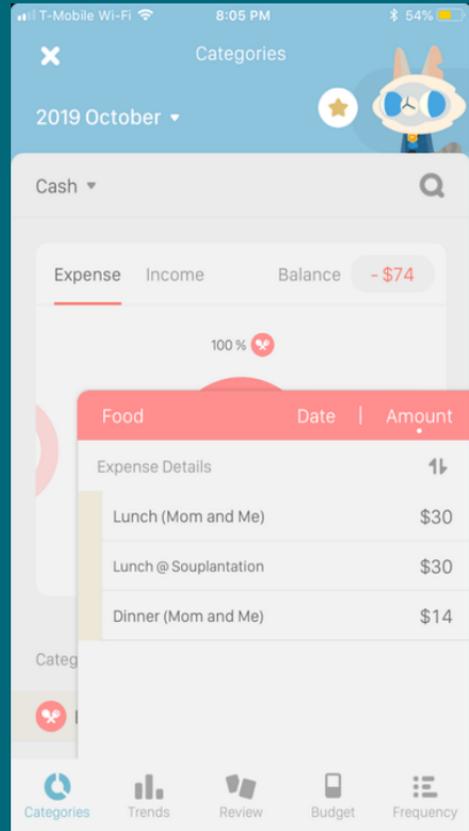
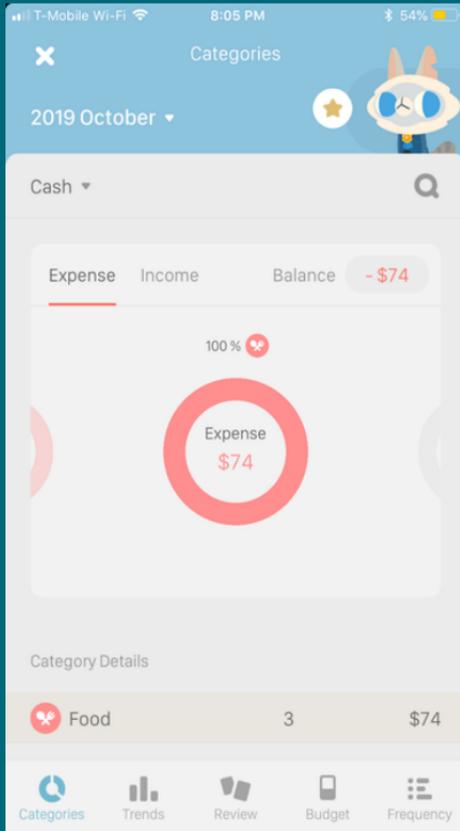
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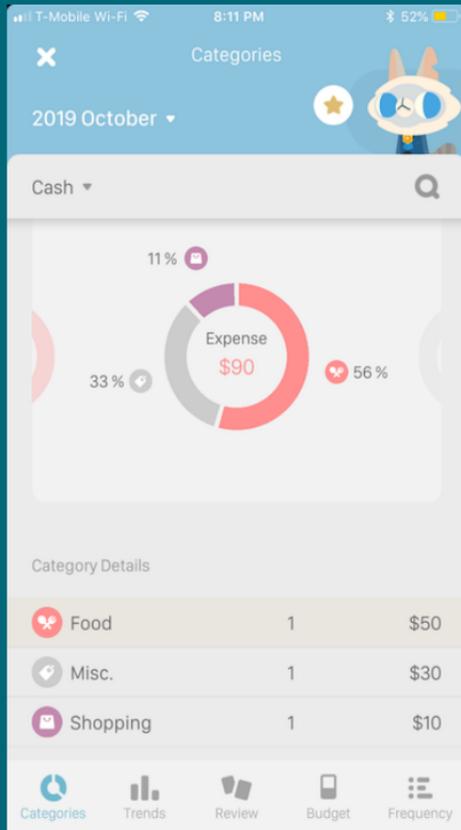
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Ashley's October Expenses



I personally do not spend a lot on discretionary purchases. I consider myself more of a frugal person who does not spend money on unnecessary things. Generally, my only discretionary spending are eating out with my family three times a month, which adds up to \$70-80 a month. Aside from eating out, I almost never purchase new clothes, Starbucks, or plastic water bottles. Instead, I like the idea of reducing and bringing reusable items outside as much as possible.

Bob's October Expenses



To fully complete the Greenest challenge, I decided to create an imaginary character named Bob.

Bob's Expense Analysis

Misc.

Bob is a high school student who purchases plastic water bottle everyday at his school. Each bottle cost him \$1, which adds up to \$30 spent on water bottles at the end of each month.

Food

Bob likes to eat out, but his food expenses usually come from buying boba milk tea, which generally costs \$5 each.

Shopping

Bob likes to purchase a new clothing at H & M at least once a month.

How Bob Can Save Money



Misc.

Using reusable water bottles instead of plastic water bottles every single day can save Bob *\$7 a week, or \$30 a month!*

Food

Instead of eating out all the time, Bob could try to cook his own food at home to save money or try meal prepping. He can also search up boba recipes online so he doesn't have to spend a hefty \$5 on boba every time!

Shopping

Clothing is something that Bob can definitely try to reduce! Unless it's completely necessary, Bob should eliminate the constant purchase of clothing to lessen expenses.

How Bob Can Help Environment

Misc.

Reusable water bottle is a good way to eliminate single-use plastic that harm the marine health and the environment, as we learned in PGC's Day 3 Challenge Zero Waste.

Food

Eating out less definitely reduces the amount of plastic packaging and utensils used, especially boba! Boba usually comes with plastic straws and cups, which are very unsustainable, so learning to make boba at home would be much better for not just Bob's health but the environment as well.

How Bob Can Help Environment

Shopping

By purchasing less clothes or eliminating perceived obsolescence, Bob is reducing the amount of textile waste that would otherwise have ended up in a landfill, as we learned in PGC Challenge Day 11 - Fast Fashion. If Bob attempts to reduce, reuse, or repairs his clothing, then he is minimizing waste and participating in the circular economy, something that we learned in today's Challenge - Economics.



Misc Savings

Food Savings

Shopping

Misc Savings

Savings

Bob's Savings

Misc Savings	Food Savings	Shopping Savings	Total Savings
\$7/week	\$5/week	\$2/week	\$14/week =

This budget method ends up being better than Bob's current method because he will be saving \$728 for 52 weeks if he decides to make the suggested changes on Miscellaneous Expenses, Food, and Shopping. Not only will he be saving lots of money, he will be positively impacting the environment in several ways!