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Stock Market

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THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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The stock market is a hot topic these days. Since the credit crisis began in September 2009, people have been watching stock prices very carefully. A lot of people have lost a lot of money because share values have fallen. The stock market is a strange thing. People invest money in it for years for their pensions. To me, that seems risky. It's fine if companies keep doing well, but that's not what happens. The recent global financial crisis shows this. People lost half the value of their lifetime savings overnight. Billions of dollars gone. Whose fault is it? I wonder if people will trust the stock markets again. I guess the big markets will bounce back and trading will continue as normal, until the next stock market crash.

LISTENING GAP FILL

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
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STUDENT STOCK MARKET SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about stock_market in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about stock_market. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about stock_market. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. STOCK MARKET POSTER Make a poster about stock_market. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY STOCK MARKET LESSON: Make your own English lesson on stock_market. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on stock_market. Share your findings with the class.

