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## Happiness

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 **THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT**

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Happiness is sitting on a beach with a good book and no more work and studying for a year. Ahhhh... if only. What's your idea of happiness? It's such an important thing. I like Bhutan's idea (Bhutan is the small country next to Nepal). There, they prefer to measure happiness instead of money. The most important thing for Bhutan's government is how happy the people are. What a fantastic idea this is. Imagine if governments focused on making us all happy. They could spend money on beaches and free ice cream instead of fighting wars. I looked at everyone on the train this morning. No one looked happy. Maybe the news should be full of happy stories instead of the usual doom and gloom.



## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

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

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4. \_\_\_\_\_
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6. \_\_\_\_\_

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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# STUDENT HAPPINESS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about happiness 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 happiness. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. HAPPINESS POSTER** Make a poster about happiness. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY HAPPINESS LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on happiness. 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 happiness. Share your findings with the class.

