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## Personal Problems

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Focus on new words, grammar and pronunciation in this short text.  
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## THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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One of my friends always seems to have personal problems. Sometimes it's a relationship, sometimes it's family, and sometimes it's her. I'm not sure why she has so many personal problems and I think many of her problems aren't really problems at all. She's a bit of an attention seeker. I think she invents problems just so she can talk to people. She likes people to feel sorry for her. I think it's amazing how many people talk about their personal problems on TV or on the radio. Who cares? There are much more important things happening in the world today than someone breaking up with their friend. If you think about all the terrible things happening in the world, our personal problems really aren't problems at all.



## 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)

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. \_\_\_\_\_
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# STUDENT PERSONAL PROBLEMS SURVEY

From: [http://www.listenAminute.com/p/personal\\_problems.html](http://www.listenAminute.com/p/personal_problems.html)

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

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

**4. PERSONAL PROBLEMS POSTER** Make a poster about personal problems. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY PERSONAL PROBLEMS LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on personal problems. 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 personal problems. Share your findings with the class.

