

LISTENING AND SPEAKING

You drive me mad (but I love you)!

Make me crazy = drive somebody mad

For instance: And after a while, these choices... they make you crazy.

Drive me crazy = drive smb mad

For instance: We'll be driving Mrs O'Brien crazy again in a few days.

Drive out of one's mind/ drive insane = drive smb mad

For instance: As far as I can tell, parents exist just to drive their kids insane.

1 Complete these sentences about the people in your life.

- My mother/father drives me mad when she/he ...

- I hate it when my boyfriend/girlfriend ...

- I don't like people who ...

2 Choose one person in your life. What annoying habits does he/she have?

Does he/she ... ?

- always arrive late
- talk too loudly
- leave things on the floor

What annoying habits do *you* have? I _____

3 You are going to listen to a radio programme called *Home Truths*. Two couples, Carol and Mike, and Dave and Alison, talk about their partner's annoying habits. Look at the pictures below. What are their annoying habits?



4 Are these sentences true (✓) or false (✗)? Correct the false sentences.

1. Carol and Mike never watch TV.
2. Mike doesn't listen when his wife speaks to him.
3. Carol makes decisions in their home.
4. Mike shouts at his wife when she is driving.
5. Dave never does any jobs at home.
6. Dave is bad at his job.
7. Alison tidies up Dave's mess.
8. Alison is very organized.

What do you think?

1 Do men or women typically complain about their partners doing these things?

- Watching sports on TV
- Playing online games
- Driving badly
- Spend lots of time in Instagram
- Taking a lot of time to get ready
- Making a mess

2 What do you think men are generally better at? What are women better at?