

B Having a moan

A I'm **fed up with** the painting course this term.

B I'm not **happy with** it either. The room they've given us is **dreadful** – it's too small.

A Actually, I'm not so **bothered** about the room. It's the man who **joined** the course last month – he really **gets on my nerves**. He's always **moaning**.

B Yes, he's **spoilt** it for the rest of us, really. And next week someone else is starting.

A Oh what a **nuisance**! I don't think they should let people join the course late. I might **mention** it to the teacher.

Glossary

fed up with sth	• bored or unhappy with sth.
happy with sth	• feeling that sth is good or right.
dreadful	• very bad. SYNS terrible , atrocious , appalling .
join sth	• become a member of a group such as a class or club.
get on sb's nerves	• INF irritate sb or make sb angry.
moan	• INF keep saying what is wrong or bad about sth. moan N.
spoil sth	• change sth good into sth bad or unpleasant. SYN ruin sth .
PT, PP spoilt/spoiled	
nuisance	• a person, thing, or situation that annoys you.
mention sth	• talk about sth, usually quickly and without saying much.

spotlight *bother*

The verb **bother** is used in several expressions:

I'm not bothered about what I wear. INF = I don't care about what I wear.

(I'm) sorry to bother you = I'm sorry to disturb you. (Used when sb is busy.)

Don't bother to buy the milk. = Don't trouble yourself; it's not necessary.

4 Cross out one more word in this list that does not have a negative meaning.

atrocious ▶ join fed up ruin moan dreadful
nuisance spoil mention appalling

5 Complete the dialogues with a suitable word.

▶ What dreadful weather. ~ Yes, absolutely atrocious .

- 1 What's the matter? ~ Oh, I'm up with this essay.
- 2 Oh Brian, I'm sorry to you. ~ That's OK. Come on in.
- 3 We can't watch TV. It's not working. ~ Oh no! What a nuisance .
- 4 There was too much salt on the meat. ~ Yes I know. It really ruined it.
- 5 Shall I close the gate? ~ No, don't it. Leave it open.
- 6 I've decided to a chess club. ~ I didn't know you played chess.
- 7 Do you want to go out? ~ No, I'm not it. Let's stay here.
- 8 Did you say anything about the course? ~ Yes, I it to the director.

6 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

- 1 Is there anything you're fed up with at the moment? _____
- 2 Is there anything or anyone that gets on your nerves? _____
- 3 Do you moan about anything in particular? _____
- 4 Can you think of anything in your town that's dreadful? _____
- 5 Are you bothered about the level of your English at the moment? _____

7 Test yourself. Look at the glossary words and cover the meanings. What are the meanings?