

# 90 Pleasure and annoyance

## A Simple pleasures



### GLOSSARY

<b>indeed</b>	a word which makes sth positive that you say stronger	<b>pleasure</b>	the feeling of being happy or enjoying sth <b>give sb pleasure</b>
<b>happiness</b>	the feeling of being happy	<b>familiar</b>	If sth is <b>familiar</b> to you, you know it well.
<b>sight</b>	seeing sb/sth	<b>fancy</b>	not simple or ordinary
<b>spirits pl</b>	a person's feelings or state of mind <b>lift sb's spirits</b> make sb feel happier (Sb's <b>spirit</b> is their mind, feelings and character.)	<b>ideal</b>	the best or exactly right <b>syn perfect</b>
<b>appreciate</b>	be thankful for sth that sb has done for you	<b>heaven</b>	the place where many people believe God is and where good people go when they die <b>my idea of heaven</b> <i>in</i> a situation in which you are very happy
		<b>highlight</b>	the best, most interesting or most exciting part of sth

### 1 Underline the main stress in these words. Use the to help you. Practise saying the words.

► <u>sp</u> irits	2 <u>inde</u> ed	4 <u>high</u> light	6 <u>famili</u> ar
1 <u>heav</u> en	3 <u>happi</u> ness	5 <u>ide</u> al	7 <u>appreci</u> ate

### 2 Match 1–7 with a–h.

► the sight of	.....	a a lot of pleasure.
1 The highlight	.....	b my spirits this morning.
2 Cycling gives me	.....	c meal contains fresh fish.
3 I appreciate	.....	d my children makes me happy ✓
4 The sun lifted	.....	e of my week is football on Monday evening.
5 Walking in a forest is my idea	.....	f is loving someone and being loved.
6 My ideal	.....	g of heaven.
7 Happiness	.....	h your help.

### 3 One word is missing in each sentence. What is it, and where does it go?

► I was very surprised / when I won the prize.	.....	indeed
1 The man carried my case from the train, and I really it.	.....	
2 The hotel is next to a beach, which is for people with young children.	.....	
3 Seeing the Taj Mahal was the of our trip to India.	.....	
4 The of my son riding a bike for the first time was fantastic.	.....	
5 I had a swim in the ocean today. It's my of heaven.	.....	
6 I don't like restaurants – I just like places with simple food.	.....	

### 4 ABOUT YOU Complete the sentences with one word and your own ending.

► The highlight ..... of my day is ..... <i>seeing my wife's face first thing in the morning</i>	.....
1 I love the f ..... smell of	.....
2 It gives me great p ..... when	.....
3 I'm very happy i ..... when	.....



## B Annoying habits

A I'm so fed up with the guy in the flat next to me.  
B Oh, dear. Is it the **usual** problem?  
A Yes – his loud music really **annoys** me. Even though I've made **repeated** requests for him to turn it down, he just can't be bothered to do anything about it.  
B Oh, that must really **get on your nerves**.  
A And he's got another **annoying habit**: he leaves his rubbish in the hall near my front door. That really **upsets** me!  
B Do you want me to **have a word with** him about that?  
A No, don't bother – he won't listen to you.

### SPOTLIGHT different uses of *bother*

**He can't be bothered to** do it. = He is too lazy to do it or not interested in doing it.  
**Don't bother.** = Don't trouble yourself – it's not necessary.  
**I'm sorry to bother you** = I'm sorry to interrupt you / stop you doing sth.

### GLOSSARY

<b>fed up (with sth/sb)</b>	bored or unhappy (with sth)
<b>usual</b>	that happens most often
<b>annoy</b>	make sb a little angry
<b>annoying adj</b>	annoying
<b>even though</b>	although; used for introducing a fact that makes the main statement in your sentence very surprising
<b>repeated</b>	done many times
<b>get on sb's nerves</b>	make sb feel annoyed
<b>habit</b>	sth you do often or regularly without even thinking about it
<b>upset pt/ppl</b>	<b>upset</b> make sb unhappy or angry
<b>have a word with sb</b>	have a short conversation with sb, usually privately

### 5 Rewrite the sentences in the correct order.

► my / fed / job / with / I'm / up / present  
1 music / even / I / folk / don't / went / though / like / I  
2 later / word / I / you / could / a / with / have ?  
3 work / can't / to / I / be / today / bothered  
4 bother / Dan / I'm / you / sorry / to  
5 on / complain / who / get / nerves / people / my  
6 today / usual / up / she / the / got / at / time

I'm fed up with this homework.

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### 6 Complete the dialogues.

► Will you speak to Chika alone? ~ Yes, I'll have a word with her later.  
1 Shall I shut the gate? ~ No, don't ..... . Leave it open.  
2 Taki talks with his mouth full. ~ I know, it's a very bad ..... .  
3 You don't look happy. ~ No, I'm ..... up with my job at the moment.  
4 Are you going to tidy the house? ~ Not now. I can't be ..... .  
5 That woman's talking very loudly. ~ You're right. It's getting on my ..... .  
6 I'm sorry to ..... you. ~ No problem. How can I help?  
7 Why is Lara crying? ~ I think somebody has ..... her – probably Jimmy.  
8 When did the cleaner arrive? ~ Oh, at the ..... time, 9.00.  
9 Have the police been to see you yet? ~ No, and I've made ..... requests.  
10 Alua never washes up after breakfast. ~ Yeah, I've noticed! It's a very ..... habit.

### ABOUT YOU

► Have you got any annoying habits ? If so, what?  
1 Is there anything you're ..... up with at the moment?  
2 Is there anyone that ..... on your nerves?  
3 Are there any jobs at home that you ..... be bothered to do?  
4 Has anyone ..... you today and made you angry? If so, how?  
5 Have you had a ..... with anyone today in private? If so, why?  
6 Does it ..... you when people do something wrong and don't say sorry?  
7 Is there anything you have to do even ..... you don't like doing it?

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### 8 ABOUT YOU Write your answers to Exercise 7, or ask another student.

