

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

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

- Is there anything you're fed up with at the moment? _____
- Is there anything or anyone that gets on your nerves? _____
- Do you moan about anything in particular? _____
- Can you think of anything in your town that's dreadful? _____
- 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?