

90 Pleasure and annoyance

A Simple pleasures

I'm very happy **indeed** when I find money I didn't know I had.

I really **appreciate** it when taxi drivers help me with my luggage.

Going on a skiing holiday and finding that the conditions are **ideal** – that's wonderful.

Happiness is that first cold drink when you've been for a long run.

It **gives me** such **pleasure** when I manage to get the last free space in a car park.

Holding hands with the person I love – that's **my idea of heaven**.

The **sight** of my dog running on the beach **lifts my spirits**.

I love the **familiar** smell of my mother's cooking. It's simple: nothing **fancy**.

Waking up and finding I have another hour to sleep – that's often the **highlight** of my day!

GLOSSARY

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

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

- ▶ spirits 2 indeed 4 highlight 6 familiar
1 heaven 3 happiness 5 ideal 7 appreciate

2 Match 1–7 with a–h.

- ▶ the sight of
1 The highlight
2 Cycling gives me
3 I appreciate
4 The sun lifted
5 Walking in a forest is my idea
6 My ideal
7 Happiness
d
a a lot of pleasure.
b my spirits this morning.
c meal contains fresh fish.
d my children makes me happy ✓
e of my week is football on Monday evening.
f is loving someone and being loved.
g of heaven.
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 seeing my wife's face first thing in the morning.
1 I love the f smell of
2 It gives me great p when
3 I'm very happy i when



TEST YOURSELF

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

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

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.

7 Complete the questions.

- 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?

ABOUT YOU

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



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