

AGREE OR DISAGREE

Everyone has at least one pet peeve that really annoys them.

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People should learn to ignore small annoyances instead of complaining about them.

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It's worse to be annoyed by a stranger's behaviour than by someone you know well.

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Some pet peeves are too petty to talk about.

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It's easier to deal with annoying habits when you understand why people do them.

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Annoying habits are often unintentional, so we shouldn't take them personally.

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Do you think everyone gets annoyed by the same things? Share your ideas with your partner.



Oliver

Don't get me started on dirty dishes — it's the one thing that really annoys me at home. My flatmate always leaves a pile of dirty plates in the sink, and it feels like I'm the only one who notices the mess. I try not to let it push my buttons, but after a long day, it's the last thing I want to deal with.



Amelia

I absolutely hate it when people interrupt — it really sets my teeth on edge. Just the other day, I was telling my colleagues about a project I'm proud of, and someone kept talking over me like what I was saying didn't matter. It made me feel invisible, and I had to stop myself from losing my temper in front of everyone.



George

Queue-jumping has to be the rudest thing ever! The other day, I was in line at the post office, and someone just walked straight to the front without even asking. I don't like to make a fuss, but it was so frustrating I couldn't help rolling my eyes. Sometimes it feels like people just don't care about basic manners anymore.



Charlotte

I think pet peeves are just a natural part of life, but loud chewing drives me up the wall! Last weekend, I went out for lunch, and the person next to me was chewing so loudly I couldn't focus on my meal. I tried not to get worked up about it, but it completely ruined the experience for me, and I had to move to another table just to enjoy my food.

1. That constant drilling noise is **driving me up the wall!**__

a) To complain or become angry about something, especially when this is not necessary.

2. Public transport delays are bad enough, but **don't get me started** on the constant roadworks everywhere.__

b) To become upset or excited about something.

3. The sound of nails on a chalkboard really **sets my teeth on edge.**__

c) To suddenly become very angry.

4. She **made a fuss** about the tiniest bit of noise.__

d) To cause a strong reaction or emotion in someone.

5. I nearly **lost my temper** when I saw the dirty dishes again.__

e) To express frustration or irritation about a topic that could lead to a lengthy rant if discussed.

6. Slow walkers always **push my buttons.**__

f) To cause a sharp feeling of discomfort or irritation, often because of an unpleasant sound, taste, or sensation.

7. There's no need to **get worked up about** the delay; these things happen.__

g) To make someone extremely angry.

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2. ... gets me started when

3. ... sets my teeth on edge.

4. I make a fuss when ...

5. I lose my temper when ...

6. ... pushes my buttons.

7. I get worked up about ...



Which of these things would annoy you the most? Why?

loud chewing

late arrivals

loud sniffing

no "thank you"

queue-jumping

slow walkers

interrupting
conversations

public slurping

nail biting

pushing on trains

speakerphone chats

blocking doorways

talking during films

leaving shopping trolleys in parking spaces

loud typing

leaving dirty dishes

loud breathing



• People who don't cover their mouth when sneezing or coughing.____

• People eating smelly food in public.____

• Constantly clicking a pen.____

• People leaving shoes in the middle of the hallway.____

• Walking and texting at the same time.____

• Being overly late without notice.____

• Talking loudly on public transport.____

• Not muting a phone in meetings or cinemas.____

• Leaving cupboards or drawers open.____

• Using the last of something and not replacing it.____

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