



PET PEEVES

Discussion

Basic Questions

1. What does pet peeve mean?
Pet peeve is....
2. What is the most annoying thing for you?
The most annoying thing is....
3. What annoys you about living where you live now?
The thing that annoys about my living is....
4. Do you think you have habits that annoy other people?
Yes.... / No....
5. If something is annoying you, what do you usually do?
If something is annoying me, I usually....

Extended Questions

1. What kinds of people annoy you?
The kinds of people annoy me are those...
2. Which is more annoying, being caught in the rain without an umbrella, or finding out you don't have enough money to pay for something you really need?
I think....
3. How do you change annoying habits?
I change it through....
4. Do you think it is annoying if people can't or don't speak your language?
Yes, I think... / No, I don't think...
5. What annoys you about yourself?
I think...

VOCABULARY

1. **Pet peeve** /'pet 'piv/
(noun) something that annoys or bothers a person very much
Ex.: One of my biggest pet peeves is people driving too slowly on the highway.
2. **Annoying** /ə'noɪ.ɪŋ/
(adjective) making you feel annoyed
Ex.: It's annoying when people keep pronouncing your name wrong.
3. **Complaint** /kəm'pleɪnt/
(noun) a statement that something is wrong or not good enough, the act of complaining, or the thing you are complaining about
Ex.: Her only complaint is that she sometimes didn't get enough space in her apartment.

4. **Infuriating** /ɪnˈfjuər-i, eɪ-tɪŋ/
(adjective) causing anger and annoyance
Ex.: Long queues in fast foods are infuriating.
5. **Short-tempered** /ˈʃɔrt ˈtem-pərd/
(adjective) tending to become angry quickly and easily
Ex.: Our old-maid teacher is short-tempered.
6. **Belligerent** /bəˈlɪdʒ-ər-ənt/
(adjective) eager to fight or argue
Ex.: She was so belligerent that I gave up trying to explain.
7. **Butthurt** /ˈbʌt.hɜ:t/
(adjective) offended and upset, especially in a way that is silly or unreasonable
Ex.: He gets all butthurt just because of the picture.
8. **Nuisance** /ˈnu-səns/
(noun) something or someone that annoys you or causes trouble for you
Ex.: Loud music is a nuisance for people who don't like it.
9. **Douche** /ˈduːʃ.bæg/
(noun) an insulting term for a rude and unpleasant man who treats people badly
Ex.: Don't waste your time crying over that douchebag.
10. **Yob** /jɑ:b/
(noun) a young man who behaves in a very rude, offensive, and sometimes violent way
Ex.: He's such a yob.

Useful Expressions

1. **somebody's pet hate - (somebody's pet peeve)
something that you do not like at all**

Ex.: Falling in line is my pet hate.

2. **gets one's goat - If something annoys or irritates you,
it gets your goat.**

Ex.: I've tried to get along with her, but sometimes she really gets my goat.

3. **to be on the warpath - to be looking for someone you
are angry with in order to speak angrily to them or
punish them.**

Ex.: The boss is on the warpath again.

4. **haters gonna hate - hate someone or something like
sin**

Ex.: They admired my dress a lot so haters gonna hate!

Exercise

Read the story and talk about it with your coach.

“Late”

Martin is in a hurry. He is late to work again. Martin's boss doesn't like it when he is late. Martin was late last week. His boss told him not to be late again. He really wasn't joking either. He was serious. “I mean it,” Martin remembers him saying.

Martin thinks he might lose his job if he is late again. The time is now 7:15 am.

Martin needs to be at work by 7:30. It takes him 22 minutes to drive to work.

“Things don't look good,” he says to himself. Martin runs out of the house. He jumps in his car. He puts the car in reverse. He backs up without looking. BOOM!

There is a sound like someone hitting a drum. Martin's car jerks to a stop. He has hit the car parked behind him. “Oh, no!” Martin exclaims. He is angry now. Martin

looks at his watch. It is 7:18. He needs to get to work. He looks around. There is

no one on the street. There is no one nearby. He looks in the parked car. It is empty. Martin drives off quickly. He gets to work 10 minutes late. Martin's boss is

not around. “Thank goodness,” he says to himself. He stops worrying. He sits at

his desk to work. During lunch, Martin goes out to the parking lot. He looks at his car. There is a big dent in the back. Then he thinks about the other car— the car

he hit this morning. “I know that car is damaged too,” he thinks. He feels guilty.

“That was not right,” Martin says to himself. He will see if the car is still outside

his house when he gets off work.