



Annoying Things

Conversation > Advanced 7



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

exasperating	Making somebody feel angry or annoyed.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: Trying to talk to him is so exasperating, he just won't listen.</i>

irritate	To cause pain or discomfort in a part of the body; to make someone feel slightly angry.
[verb]	<i>Ex: His snoring irritated her so much that she couldn't sleep.</i>

pet peeve	Something that particularly annoys a person, which he/she often complains about.
[noun]	<i>Ex: One of my biggest pet peeves is poor spelling in text messages.</i>



go bananas	To become angry, crazy or silly.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: She went bananas when she found out that her husband was a cheater.</i>

disrespect	A lack of respect for somebody or something.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Students who show disrespect to their peers will face consequences.</i>

go berserk	To become extremely angry and out of control.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: When she saw him with another girl, she went berserk.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

James: Liam, I told you to clean up after yourself! The kitchen is constantly messy, it's exasperating!

Liam: Calm down, there's no need to go bananas.

James: I'm tired of your complete disrespect for the rest of us.

Liam: I'm not trying to annoy you. It's just a bad habit, James.

James: It feels like you're trying to find new ways to irritate me. I asked you nicely to clean up.

Liam: Nicely!? You went completely berserk at me.

James: Oh come on, I wasn't that harsh.

Liam: If I worried about avoiding every one of your pet peeves, I wouldn't have time to do anything else.



James: I don't expect you to do things perfectly all the time. We all make a mess every now and then.

Liam: Here we go again...

James: Expecting someone else to clean up the mess for you is completely disrespectful.

Liam: Okay, fine. Please just calm down. I'll clean it up now.

James: Thank you. That's all I ask for.

Liam: Next time I do something that annoys you, just ask me to fix it. There's no need to yell.

James: Next time just don't irritate me in the first place. Then I won't have to yell.

Liam: Yeah, yeah...



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

pet peeve
exasperating
went berserk
gone bananas
disrespect
irritating

1. If you show _____, you will be removed from here.
2. What is your biggest _____? What annoys you the most?
3. Have you _____? Don't put that fork into the socket!
4. Doing this is so _____. I need to take a break.
5. When she saw lipstick marks on his shirt, she _____.
6. Something is _____ his eyes.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: Your roommate John forgot to clean up after himself. Confront him and tell him to clean up his mess.
The teacher can be John.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Do you have any pet peeves? If so, what are they?
2. Has anyone ever told you that you irritate them? What was the situation like?
3. Do you have a habit that you would like to get rid of? If so, what is it?
4. Do you usually let your friends know when they are doing something that annoys you?
5. What makes you go berserk? Please give a few examples.