

A Listen to some common complaints. Check (✓) the ones you agree with.

Do you get annoyed easily?

- ☐ I can't stand it when a child screams in a restaurant.
- ☐ I don't like it when a cell phone rings in the classroom.
- ☐ It bothers me when a teacher forgets my name.
- ☐ I hate it when people talk with their mouths full.
- ☐ It upsets me when a close friend forgets my birthday.
- ☐ I can't stand it when people talk loudly to each other during a movie.
- ☐ I don't like it when people call me early in the morning.
- ☐ It bothers me when my doctor arrives late for an appointment.

Score: If you checked ...

1–2 complaints: Wow! You don't get annoyed very easily.

3–4 complaints: You're fairly easygoing.

5–6 complaints: You get annoyed pretty easily.

7–8 complaints: Relax! You get annoyed too easily.



B Calculate your score. Do you get annoyed easily? Tell the class what bothers you the most.

PRONUNCIATION Linked sounds

A Listen and practice. Final consonant sounds are often linked to the vowel sounds that follow them.

It upsets me when a uperson is unreliable.

I love it when a ufriend is usupportive and ukind.

B Mark the linked sounds in the sentences below. Listen and check. Then practice saying the sentences.

1. I can't stand it when someone is late for an appointment.
2. Does it bother you when a friend is unreliable?
3. I hate it when a cell phone goes off in class.

C Take turns saying the sentences in Exercise 8. Pay attention to linked sounds.



That's what friends are for! ■ 5