Things that make me angry

Warmer

Work in pairs. Look at the pictures of things that annoy people.

What is happening in each picture? Why does it make people angry?

Task 1 – Video 1: what annoys Anne?
You are going to watch a video of Anne talking about what makes her angry. Which of the pictures from the Warmer does she talk about?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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Task 2 – Video 2: why does it annoy Anne?
Watch the video again. What extra information does she give about the three things that annoy her? Make notes below.

1. _____

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2. _____

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3. _____

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Task 3 – vocabulary: angry words
Look at the numbered lines in the transcript on page 4. Find the expressions which have a similar meaning to <u>make someone angry</u>

1. _____

2. _____

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Task 4 – grammar: wish

Anne uses *wish* a lot to talk about actions <u>in the present</u> that make her angry and that she would like to change.

Examples:

- *I really wish people wouldn't drop their litter in the street.*
- *I wish they would just finish their conversation before they get to the checkout.*
- *I wish they'd learn some manners.*

Form:

wish + would (not) + <u>infinitive</u>:

I wish my teacher wouldn't <u>give</u> us so much homework.

I wish my classmates would <u>speak</u> English more often in the lessons.

Note:

You can't use *wish + would* to talk about yourself. You can only use it to talk about other people's actions.

Work alone. Complete the sentences with <u>would/wouldn't + infinitive</u>

1. I wish you _____ (stop) talking – I'm trying to watch this film.

2. I wish people _____ (use) their mobile phones in the cinema – it's so rude.

3. I wish you _____ (do) that – it's really annoying.

4. I wish it _____ (stop) raining. I want to go to the park.

5. I wish you _____ (tidy) your room – it's such a mess.

Cooler: what gets on your nerves?

Work in pairs. Tell your partner about some of the things that make you angry. What do you wish people would do?

Example:

It really bugs me when people listen to loud music through their headphones on the bus.

Oh yes, me too, it drives me crazy! I wish they'd turn their music down. I don't want to hear what other people are listening to. What else gets on your nerves?

What gets on your nerves?

Extension activities / Homework

1. Watch Anne's video again. Do the exercises that are with it.
   http://esol.britishcouncil.org/content/learners/grammar-and-vocabulary/grammar-lessons/things-get-your-nerves-wish

2. If you are feeling confident, do these exercises to practise *wish* and *if only.*
   http://esol.britishcouncil.org/content/learners/grammar-and-vocabulary/english-grammar/wish-and-if-only

Transcript

Hello, are you an easy-going person or do things get on your nerves and make you angry? I [1] like to think that I'm an easy-going person but sometimes I find other people's behaviour quite irritating.

Dropping litter for example. I really wish people wouldn't drop their litter in the street. I don't know why they can't just walk a little bit further down the road and put their litter in the bin, or take it home. Other people don't want to see it on the pavement.

And another thing that really gets on my nerves is people talking on their mobile phones at the supermarket checkout or in shops. I wish they would just finish their conversation before they get to the checkout and then concentrate on what they are doing. Anyway I think it's quite disrespectful to the person working on the till.

And when I'm driving it really bugs me when I let people go first and they don't say thank [2] you. I wish they'd learn some manners. It doesn't cost anything just to smile or nod your head to acknowledge another person's kindness.

Actually quite a lot of things get on my nerves. Perhaps I'm not as easy-going as I thought I was. What about you?

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