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Silence

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One minute a day is all you need to improve your listening skills.
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THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Silence is golden. I like this. It's very true. It's not often in our lives that we can enjoy moments of silence. Our world is very noisy. We rarely get the chance to have some peace and quiet. I think we all need some quiet time. We need to think about life. A great place to go for some silence is the top of a mountain or the middle of the desert. You can't hear anything, except sometimes the wind or a bird. It's really interesting when you are somewhere that is really silent. It makes you think about how much noise there is around us. There is a strange expression that says silence is deafening. This means it is so silent it really makes you think about the silence. It grabs your attention.



LISTENING GAP FILL

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
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STUDENT SILENCE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about silence in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about silence. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about silence. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. SILENCE POSTER Make a poster about silence. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY SILENCE LESSON: Make your own English lesson on silence. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on silence. Share your findings with the class.

