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## Standard of Living

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# THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Standard of living is something very important to all of us. We all want a better standard of living. We all do our best for most of our lives to improve it. I'm quite happy with my standard of living. I'm not rich, I don't have expensive furniture (in fact I have cheap used furniture) and I don't have luxury holidays overseas. I don't think you need a lot of money to have a good standard of living. As long as you are comfortable in your home and you can buy food and go out a few times a week, your standard of living should be fine. Mine is much better than 90 per cent of the world's population. This is probably true for you, if you are reading or listening to this. We all need to think how lucky we are.



## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

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

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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 STANDARD OF LIVING SURVEY

From: [http://www.listenAminute.com/s/standard\\_of\\_living.html](http://www.listenAminute.com/s/standard_of_living.html)

Write five GOOD questions about standard of living 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 standard of living. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. STANDARD OF LIVING POSTER** Make a poster about standard of living. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY STANDARD OF LIVING LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on standard of living. 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 standard of living. Share your findings with the class.

