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Tax

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THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Tax is a necessary evil. That's what many people say. I think it is necessary because it's the only way to keep a country going. Without the government collecting taxes, it would have no money to spend on education, the police, hospitals, roads, etc. Not every country has the same taxation system. People in Sweden and Denmark pay very high tax, but then schools, hospitals and other social services are free. Tax there pays for an excellent welfare system. In America, tax is lower but there's almost no welfare system. Americans have to pay for their own healthcare. If you have no money or insurance, you can't go to hospital. I don't mind paying tax, as long as my taxes don't go to pay for nuclear weapons or fund wars.



LISTENING GAP FILL

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CORRECT THE SPELLING

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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)

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

STUDENT TAX SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about tax 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.



 **WRITING**

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Write about tax for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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 tax. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

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

5. MY TAX LESSON: Make your own English lesson on tax. 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 tax. Share your findings with the class.

