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## **Avatars**

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**One minute a day is all you need to improve your listening skills.**

**Focus on new words, grammar and pronunciation in this short text.**

**Doing the online activities, discussion, survey and writing will help.**

**Listen many times – enough for you to understand everything.**

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 **THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT**

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/a/avatars.html>

Most people know the word 'avatar'. Perhaps we all saw the movie with the same name. Avatars are becoming a normal part of our life. Well... I should say our online life. Almost everywhere you go on the Internet you see avatars. Sometimes it's a website asking you to make an avatar, and other times it's people's real avatars. Do you have one? Or two, or three? I see a lot of avatars that are kind of cute and look like Japanese anime. One of the most popular things is to choose an animal as an avatar. I always take a long time to choose my avatar. It's important to make one I really like. It has to be funny. I also like avatars that move. All of the best avatars I've seen move. They are usually very funny, and clever.



## 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. \_\_\_\_\_
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6. \_\_\_\_\_

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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4. \_\_\_\_\_
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# STUDENT AVATARS SURVEY

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/a/avatars.html>

Write five GOOD questions about avatars 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

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/a/avatars.html>

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

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# 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 avatars. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
- 3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about avatars. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.
- 4. AVATARS POSTER** Make a poster about avatars. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.
- 5. MY AVATARS LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on avatars. 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 avatars. Share your findings with the class.

