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# THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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## LISTENING GAP FILL

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

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

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

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# STUDENT MATHEMATICS SURVEY

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

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

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

**5. MY MATHEMATICS LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on mathematics. 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 mathematics. Share your findings with the class.

