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Speaking & Listening – Discussion

Selfish People – Discussion – Part 1

Selfish people really are a **uniquely gifted** kind of human being. It takes a lot of skill to do what they do – i.e. to do whatever they want to do, without worrying about how their actions affect the rest of us!

- A. Below is a list of some of the things that selfish people do on a regular basis. Discuss each one with a partner or small group. Say **why** they are annoying and **how much** they annoy you on a scale of **1** (OK) to **5** (very annoying).
- B. You could also talk about what action you would take in each situation – if any. If you wouldn't take any action, why not?

Selfish people...

Annoyance

Level:

1. play loud music in public. _____
2. arrive uninvited (and late) at your birthday party – without a gift. _____
3. drive their incredibly noisy motorbikes up and down the road. _____
4. take up more than one seat on a bench when other people want to sit down. _____
5. blow huge clouds of vapour into your face from their mouths while 'vaping'. _____
6. let their cat(s) enter your garden and foul on your prize vegetables. _____
7. include men who walk around topless in the summertime. _____
8. play loud music at night while you are trying to relax or sleep. _____
9. allow their dog(s) to come up to you and bother you without your permission. _____
10. walk down designated cycle lanes. _____
11. smoke close to you so that you end up stinking of tobacco smoke. _____
12. cycle on the pavement. _____
13. walk two abreast which means you have to move to the side of the pavement. _____
14. finish the toilet roll but do not bother to replace it. _____
15. start hoovering or switch on the washing machine at two in the morning. _____
16. meet somebody they know in a queue and join the queue there instead of at the back. _____
17. accept another driver's invitation to enter a lane without waving to thank them. _____
18. use both of the armrests on an aeroplane, meaning that you have none. _____
19. park outside a shop 'for a few minutes' blocking other cars from leaving. _____
20. shout and sing in the street when drunk, causing fear among other people. _____

- C. Imagine if **you** were selfish and did all these things on a regular basis. How would your life be different? What would be the advantages and disadvantages of having the **gift** of being a selfish person?