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## Speaking & Listening – Discussion

### Selfish People – Discussion – Part 2

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. drop litter without thinking about it. \_\_\_\_\_
2. walk down the road with their head buried in their mobile phone. \_\_\_\_\_
3. have the radio on in the garden. \_\_\_\_\_
4. disrupt a flight with bad behaviour because they are on a hen or stag do. \_\_\_\_\_
5. eat an apple or a bag of crisps noisily. \_\_\_\_\_
6. wear an offensive amount of aftershave or perfume, so you can only smell them. \_\_\_\_\_
7. allow their dog(s) to foul on the footpath, then walk off without picking it up. \_\_\_\_\_
8. do not bother recycling, because they don't care about the environment. \_\_\_\_\_
9. talk and eat loudly at the cinema during the quiet parts of the film. \_\_\_\_\_
10. regularly kick the back of your seat on an aeroplane 'by accident'. \_\_\_\_\_
11. drop their cigarette ash on the ground where they stand. \_\_\_\_\_
12. spoil the plot of a book or film that you had hoped to enjoy. \_\_\_\_\_
13. switch on the 'big light' in the bedroom at night when you are trying to sleep. \_\_\_\_\_
14. never buy a round of drinks in the pub. \_\_\_\_\_
15. take two seats on a bus or train with their bag on one seat, then pretend to be asleep when people get on and are looking for somewhere to sit. \_\_\_\_\_
16. cross the road when a driver stops for them but do not thank them. \_\_\_\_\_
17. walk into the living room where people are watching TV, pick up the remote and change channels, without saying a word. \_\_\_\_\_
18. don't return your phone calls. \_\_\_\_\_
19. snore loudly and make no attempt to stop doing it. \_\_\_\_\_
20. refuse to lend you anything – even a pen. \_\_\_\_\_

- 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?