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## Divorce

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## THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Divorce is on the increase around the world. It seems divorce rates are rising in pretty much every country you read about. I know in my country, divorce is now not unusual. More than thirty per cent of marriages end in divorce. I suppose it's easier nowadays to get a divorce, and it's more socially acceptable. I know it was more difficult to get divorced 50 years ago. People thought that there was something wrong with you if you were a divorcee. Today, it's common to get through two, three, even more marriages. Perhaps people should think a bit more before they get married. Divorce is pretty hard on children. When a divorce gets ugly, the kids really suffer. Sorting out divorce settlements can be a messy business.



## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## CORRECT THE SPELLING

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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. \_\_\_\_\_
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# STUDENT DIVORCE SURVEY

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/d/divorce.html>

Write five GOOD questions about divorce 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/d/divorce.html>

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

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

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

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

