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#### A THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Everyone knows a lot about philosophy, even if they don't know it. We are all philosophers because we all have views and opinions on life. We don't all know about the philosophy that people study as a university subject. I know the names of Aristotle, Plato, Nietzsche and Freud, but I don't really know what philosophy they spoke about. I also know Descarte's famous quote "I think, therefore I am" but I can't get too excited about it. I once read a book called "The Tao of Pooh". It was the philosophy of life according to Winnie the Pooh. I liked reading that more than most philosophy books I've tried. My philosophy on life is to always try your best, help those around you, and to always be positive about everything.

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## **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Write your own questions)

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#### STUDENT PHILOSOPHY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about philosophy 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.



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

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

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

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