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## Socialism

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# THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Lots of people say socialism is the best system to run a country. It seems the fairest way. I like the idea that all people are the same and should be paid more or less the same. I've often thought it's unfair that in our capitalist world, many people get paid huge amounts of money while others have too little money to survive. It's not right that one person can get millions of dollars a month, while others are lucky to get one thousand dollars. Most of the time, it depends on your luck when you're born. You go to a good school and then get a good job. Or at least we are told it's a good job. Personally, I don't think bank managers should earn more than nurses, and sport stars shouldn't earn more than soldiers.

## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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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. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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# STUDENT SOCIALISM SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about socialism 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**

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

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

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

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

