

3. Points of view: Bad habits

Years
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Ten people tell Erica Stewart the things that they cannot stand.

- The thing that I can't stand is when you are having a meal and someone starts texting. Don't they realise that it's bad manners!
- The thing I can't stand is when people don't close their mouths when they are eating.
- The thing I can't stand is when footballers and other sports stars spit on the ground. It sets a bad example to others. Spitting is unhygienic and spreads germs.



- The thing I can't stand is when people talk loudly on their mobiles, particularly on buses and trains. Why do they have to speak so loudly? I'm not interested in what they have to say. Why can't they keep their voices down?
- The thing I can't stand is people leaving someone in a queue to keep their place. A queue is a queue and when they come back they should have to join it at the back.
- The thing I can't stand is people who take their dog for a walk and don't clear up its mess. It's especially disgusting when they allow the dog to do its business on the pavement.

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- The thing I can't stand is the way some people swear all the time.
 - The thing I can't stand is the way some people drop their litter outside fast food restaurants and fish and chip shops.
 - The thing I can't stand is when I see people smoking. Don't they realise what smoking does to you?
 - The thing I can't stand is people who keep on talking while you are in a cinema. Why can't they just keep quiet and watch the film?

In groups

- Talk about the list of things that the ten people said to Erica Stewart. Rank them in order starting with the thing that annoys the group the most as Number 1.
- What other things do you dislike about the way some people behave? Write down one or two things you can't stand. Then share your views with other members of your group.

Role-play a scene in which a TV reporter interviews a number of people and they tell the reporter what annoys them about the way some people behave.

