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Pensions

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 **THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT**

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Do you have a pension? I didn't have one for many years. I always thought it was strange to start saving in my twenties for life in my seventies. Now, I wish I had started my pension earlier. My pension would be much bigger. The pension my government will give me isn't so big. It isn't really enough to survive on. Nowadays people need to think carefully about their pension and how they will get by when they retire. I'm lucky because I live in a country where the government gives you some kind of pension. In many countries, you get nothing. I can't believe the pensions some people get. When company CEOs retire, they get a multi-million-dollar pension. That doesn't seem fair. They aren't better than other people.



LISTENING GAP FILL

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CORRECT THE SPELLING

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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. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

STUDENT PENSIONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about pensions 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.

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

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

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

5. MY PENSIONS LESSON: Make your own English lesson on pensions. 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 pensions. Share your findings with the class.

