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## Volunteerism

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# THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Being a volunteer is one of the best things you can do with your life. It's a great way to help other people. It's also very satisfying to know that you are not wasting your time and are helping people who need help. Many of us could and should be out there doing voluntary activities of some kind. So many volunteer organizations need extra hands. It really is easy. Just pick up the phone and offer your services. I think too many of us settle into a lazy lifestyle. We just want to come home and watch TV. Life is much more interesting when you're a volunteer. I've found it really opens your eyes to how some people live. It's sometimes sad to see how the government lets people down, but at least I'm doing my bit.



## 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)

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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 VOLUNTEERISM SURVEY

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/v/volunteerism.html>

Write five GOOD questions about volunteerism 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 volunteerism. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

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

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

