Letter to Al, Discussion & Comprehension. (Two Pages)



MY LITTLE BROTHER IS SO ANNOYING

Part 1: Pre-Reading Questions

Student A Questions		Student B Questions	
1.	Do you have a younger sibling? What are they like?	1.	What rules do you have in your room?
2.	What's something annoying that younger kids often	2.	How do you feel when someone copies
	do?		you?
3.	What do you do when someone touches your	3.	What advice would you give to someone
	things?		with an annoying sibling?

Dear AI,

Please help me. I'm losing my mind.

My little brother is the most annoying person on Earth. He's only seven, but he acts like he owns the house. He follows me everywhere. If I go to the kitchen, he goes to the kitchen. If I go to my room, he knocks on the door every five minutes. Sometimes he just stands there and stares at me like a creepy robot. I try to ignore him, but it's impossible. He's always there—like a shadow with sticky fingers.

He touches all my stuff. My headphones? Sticky. My phone? Covered in fingerprints. My favorite hoodie? He wore it to school and spilled orange juice on it. I told him to stay out of my room, but he says, "I'm not in your room, I'm just near your room." What does that even mean? He once sat outside my door for 20 minutes, humming the same song over and over. I almost cried.

He also copies everything I say. I say, "Stop it." He says, "Stop it." I say, "Seriously, stop it!" He says, "Seriously, stop it!" It's like living with a parrot. A loud, stubborn, unstoppable parrot. And he always wins. If I get angry, he laughs. If I stay calm, he gets louder.

My parents think he's "just being cute." Cute? He put a banana peel in my backpack. He drew a mustache on my math homework. He even told my crush that I sleep with a stuffed bear. (I don't. Not anymore. I gave it to the dog.)

I've tried ignoring him. I've tried yelling. I've even tried bribing him with candy. Nothing works. Please, Al—how do I stay calm and keep my stuff safe?

Sincerely, Big Sibling in Trouble

Part 3: Post-Reading Reflection

Student A Questions		Student B Questions	
1.	What does the writer hate most about their brother?	1.	What do the parents think? Do you agree?
2.	Do you think the brother is doing it on purpose?	2.	What was the funniest part of the letter?
3.	What would you do in this situation?	3.	What advice would you give the writer?

Pa	irt 4: True or False					
1.	The brother is older than the writer.					
2.	He spilled orange juice on a ho	podie.				
3.	The writer gave their stuffed be	ear to the dog.				
4.	The brother never copies what	the writer says.				
5.	The parents think the brother i	s being cute.				
Pa	ert 5: Vocabulary Match					
Ma	atch the word to its meaning					
W	ord	Meaning				
1.	creepy	very annoying or frustrating				
2.	fingerprints to give something for a favor					
3.	bribe doesn't change easily					
4.	stubborn	marks left by fingers				
5.	frustrating	strange and makes you nervous				
Pa	art 6: Grammar Box – Prese	nt Continuous for Annoying Habits				
We	e use present continuous to des	cribe actions happening now or repeated, annoying actions.				
Ex	amples:					
He	e's always touching my stuff.					
He	He's knocking on my door again.					
He	s's copying everything I say!					
Pr	actice: Write 2 sentences abou	ut something annoying someone is doing this week.				

Teacher's Key

Part 4: True or False

1.	The brother is older than the writer.	False
2.	He spilled orange juice on a hoodie.	True
3.	The writer gave their stuffed bear to the dog.	True
4.	The brother never copies what the writer says.	False
5.	The parents think the brother is being cute.	True

Part 5: Vocabulary Match

Match the word to its meaning

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Part 6: Grammar Box - Present Continuous for Annoying Habits

Practice: Write 2 sentences about something annoying someone is doing this week.

Sample Answers

- 1. My sister is always singing loudly in the bathroom.
- 2. My cousin is leaving his toys everywhere.