

4 What does **bother** mean? Circle the correct answer.

- to make you feel happy
- to get on your nerves
- to make you feel sad

5 What smells and sounds **bother** you? Which don't bother you? Complete the sentences.

Open answer

The smell of _____ bothers me, but
 the smell of _____ doesn't.
 The sound of _____
 but _____.

6 When does something begin to irritate you? Look at the example then complete the sentence below.

A song becomes irritating when we hear it too many times

Open answer

A perfume becomes irritating when...
 The wind becomes irritating when...

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Complete the table with the names of the five senses, then write an example of something you perceive with each of them.

| Sense | I perceive ... |
|---------|---------------------|
| sight | open answer |
| hearing | open answer |
| smell | the smell of a rose |
| taste | open answer |
| touch | open answer |

8

Tilly is irritated by the sound of the tap dripping in her kitchen. Tick the two sentences that illustrate how she is feeling.

- Tilly can't concentrate on anything but the sound of the tap dripping.
- Tilly has gone deaf due to the dripping tap.
- Tilly thinks that she will go mad if the tap doesn't stop dripping.
- Tilly doesn't want to turn the tap off properly because she likes the sound of it dripping.

9

Something annoying becomes irritating when you believe **you cannot stand it** any more. Circle the three words or expressions that mean the same as **cannot stand**. Then write two things that you cannot stand.

- hate
- destroy
- cannot bear
- get angry
- despise
- cannot understand

Open answer

10 Which of the following situations are irritating? Tick the answers.

- Your sister always sings when you are trying to do your homework.
- Your neighbour has got lots of different flowers in her garden.
- There's always a lot of rubbish in the street outside your school.
- A classmate didn't invite you to his party years ago.
- The children in your class never let you join in their games.
- Your teacher got your name wrong one day.
- Your teacher always gets your name wrong.

11 Write a list of things you do that you think others might find **irritating**.

Open answer

12 Imagine that your neighbour always plays loud music. Write him a note saying that you find it really irritating and ask him to keep the sound down.

Open answer

13 What do you think the differences are between anger and irritation? Write them down.

Sample answer: Anger comes upon us quickly. You feel irritation when something happens repeatedly. Irritation can turn to anger, but the opposite rarely happens.



