

Useful Information

Level	There are 4 levels altogether. Level 1 (Beginner) is very easy and level 4 (Advanced) is quite demanding. You should start with a level you find easy then progress onto more difficult exercises later.
Time required	If you have around 30 minutes you can do a listening and the follow-up exercises. If you have 1 hour, you can add some writing, vocabulary or grammar practice. If you are short of time, try just one listening, the comprehension exercise and 5 minutes on pronunciation. Even 5 minutes can make a small difference.
Materials required	You should have a notebook to jot down what you have learnt and to record what you have done, in order to avoid confusion.

Special Features



Print –

You can print out the screens in the vocabulary, grammar and writing sections. They will be printed like worksheets for you to keep and revise later.



Grammar rule –

If you click this 'information' icon you will see the grammar rule for the language point you are studying. You can print the rule out for reference.



Learning/Test Mode –

You can switch from learning to test mode by clicking this 'tick' icon. In the test mode your scores will be added up. You can try this after the learning session to check your progress.



Show text/Hide text –

By clicking on this icon you can choose whether to read the text while you are listening to the video clip. If you click on the words in red, a definition appears.

For further information on Self-Access Language Learning, please take a look at the Language Centre resource site for students at <http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/~sall/english/>.

English Language Learning Software

for Self-Access Use

Issues in English



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Coverage

This CD-ROM is an **integrated skills program**. It especially provides excellent **listening practice**, as all the exercises are centred around scripted video presentations by 32 native speakers talking about 8 different social issues.

One advantage of this software is that there are four levels within each topic, so you can adjust the level to suit your needs. You should first choose the level you want to work on, then the topic you are interested in. As you enter a module a video is shown to introduce the topic and the main vocabulary. You can choose whether or not to view the tapescript while listening to the video. After watching the video you can then choose a practice exercise from the areas of **Listening**, **Vocabulary**, **Grammar**, **Speaking** and **Writing**.

Issues in English is a lively and interesting software package with plenty of exercises to help you improve your English. It also has a number of useful and easy-to-use icons to guide you in your independent study. See the *Special Features* section below for more information.

Contents

Themes in the Main menu:

- Animal Rights
- Discrimination
- Euthanasia
- Gambling
- Growing old
- Public transport
- Smoking
- The Environment

Skill area	Exercise types
Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listen with/without text - Comprehension questions - Gap fill based on listening - Dictation
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spelling - Expanding your vocabulary (Words with the same meaning/opposite meaning) - Word definitions
Speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listen to the sound of a word/sentence - Record your own pronunciation and play it back
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Punctuation - List the main points of a talk - Answer questions - Summary writing - Opinion writing

Skill area	Exercise types
Grammar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simple present - Simple past - Present continuous - Personal pronouns - Articles - Conjunctions (because, so although) - Reflexive pronouns (myself, yourself) - Present perfect - Conditionals (if + will) - Conjunctions - Past perfect - Reported speech - Passives - Question tags - Phrasal verbs