

Dear Miss Know It All

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My buddies and I want to take a trip to Savannah. One of them is thinking of going to school there. I'm not planning to go to school there but I think it will be a great road trip. My girlfriend is upset because that is the same weekend as her birthday and she wants to go away to a resort. I've already told my friends I will go and paid my way, but I can't say no to my girlfriend either, can I?

Of Two Minds

Dear Miss. Know It All,

My boyfriend needs to do a lot of networking for his job. Earlier this week I saw his Facebook page and noticed a lot of his "contacts," or "friends," are young beautiful women. I trust him but I'm also worried. One of the contacts is his ex-girlfriend. He says he doesn't still talk to her but I'm worried.

Current Girlfriend

Dear Miss Know It All,

My roommate is a crazy person. She wears these awful purple tights with cheap leather boots that go all the way up past her knees. She is a really sweet person and just so nice. But behind her back people laugh at her. I want to help her but I know she is sensitive about her looks. What can I do?

Fashionista

Dear Miss Know It All,

I've been working at my current job for a year and a half. In that time my coworkers and I have had our salary cut three times so that the company can save money. We love our jobs and the work we do but some of us have children and families to take care of. We are afraid to complain too vocally for fear that we will lose our jobs. What should we do?

True To Life

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My friend wants to go on a dangerous hiking trip. I'm very worried because hiking and camping are new for him so he just isn't experienced. The trip he wants to go on takes a couple weeks to complete. He says he wants to take the trip now, before he starts a serious job. What can I do to stop him?

Anti-camper

Dear Miss. Know It All,

My boss gets angry really easily. He is very talented and is usually a great person to work for. But when he gets angry it's really destructive. He always apologizes for getting angry after it happens. But a lot of people are uncomfortable working with him and no one wants to tell him this. What should we do?

Under Fire

Dear Miss Know It All,

My best friend has invited me to be the best man at his wedding. He and I have been friends all our lives and he is like family to me. Unfortunately I live very far away, the trip will be expensive and I can't take the time off of work. Right now I'm thinking about lying to get out of work but I feel bad about that. Is it really so wrong to lie if it means going to my friends wedding?

The Best Man

Dear Miss Know It All,

I work a lot and don't waste money. But the bills keep piling up. I don't have enough money to pay all the bills every month and we are starting to fall into debt. My wife can only work a little because she has to take care of our son. I want to change jobs but there isn't much available right now. It's really getting harder to get by. What should we do?

Working Class Hero

About the worksheet

Giving advice is sometimes a great function to practice as it can be used in nearly any situation, with friends, at school, at work etc.

The stories in this set of advice letters are invented but if you want some great examples just look around online and you'll find TONS of similar letters in real English.

Using the worksheet

In groups or pairs students read one or two of the stories and come up with advice for those situations. One great idea is to have them form a consensus on the right course of action so they have to not only give advice but reasons for the advice and discuss amongst themselves in order to come to agreement.

Like this worksheet? Want to see more like it or have an idea or feedback to offer? Just get in touch!

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