

## Pet Peeve



"I'M MAKING A LIST OF MY PET PEEVES."

A **'pet peeve'** or **'pet aversion'** is a **minor annoyance that an individual identifies as particularly annoying to themselves**, to a greater degree than others may find.

Its first usage was around **1919**. The term is a back-formation from the 14<sup>th</sup>-century word **peevis**, meaning **'ill-tempered'**. Pet peeves often involve **specific behaviors of someone close**, such as a spouse or significant other. These behaviors may involve disrespect, manners, personal hygiene, relationships and family issues. A key aspect of a pet peeve is that **it may well seem acceptable to others**. For example, a supervisor may have a pet peeve about people leaving the lid on the copier up and react angrily, be annoyed when others interrupt when speaking, or be upset by messy desks of their subordinates. To most people, these may seem minor annoyances, but not to the supervisor. That same supervisor may witness employees coming into work late and not feel any annoyance whatsoever...

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