

# Live and Let Die?

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## Activity 1

Complete the following table.

Infinitive	Present participle	Past form	Adjective	Noun
die				

## Activity 2

Put the following words or phrases into the gaps below. If necessary, use the context to help you guess.

**be seen dead in   sick to death   drop dead   gorgeous   dead loss   over my dead body  
dying for   dead   catch your death   never say die**

1. I'm so thirsty. I'm ..... a cup of tea.
2. This exercise is ..... difficult, isn't it? Yes, it's really hard.
3. I'm ..... of studying grammar. I'm totally fed up with it.
4. That English course I went on last month was a ..... . I didn't learn anything new.
5. Look at that woman's hat! I wouldn't ..... anything that colour. It's horrible!
6. If my son wants to buy a motorbike it'll be ..... . I will never agree to it!
7. Put your coat on before you go outside or you'll ..... . It's freezing out there.
8. Don't give up. You can do it. ....
9. I think Brad Pitt is ..... , don't you? I mean, he's so good-looking, isn't he?

## Activity 3

Read the following questions and use them to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. Is suicide a crime in your country?
2. Do you think committing suicide should be a crime?
3. Is living a choice or an obligation?
4. If someone wants to commit suicide but is physically unable to, what can they do?
5. If someone sees a loved-one suffering endlessly, beyond medical hope, what can they do?
6. What are the pros and cons of euthanasia (painlessly killing someone who wants to die but is physically unable to commit suicide)?
7. In hospitals in England terminally ill patients may request not to be resuscitated if their heart stops beating. Medical staff must respect this Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) request and let the patient die. What is your opinion about this? How different is respecting a DNR request from practising euthanasia?
8. Do you believe in euthanasia?
9. If the patient can't decide for themselves whether to die or not, who should have the right or the responsibility to do it for them: the spouse, the parents, the children, the siblings, the ex-spouse, the boyfriend/girlfriend or life-partner, the doctors, the courts, or the State?
10. Some people draw parallels between putting down sick animals and assisting terminally ill people to die with dignity. Do you think it is right to draw such parallels?

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## **Activity 4**

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. What does PVS stand for?
2. What is a 'living will'?
3. Was Terri Schiavo in a coma?
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

## **Activity 5**

**'If people have the right to live how they choose, do they also have the right to die how they choose?'**

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Discussion' icon to take part in the forum discussion there.

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