

CELLPHONE DISTRACTION

PET PEEVE



A **peeve** is an annoyance, and a pet peeve is an annoyance that's nurtured like a pet. It's something someone can never resist complaining about. There are all kinds of pet peeves, like littering, misusing punctuation, driving slowly in the fast lane, or talking during movies. If something like that drives you crazy and you have to yap about it, it's a pet peeve. Pet peeves tend to be smaller issues.

The **noun peeve**, meaning an annoyance, is believed to have originated in the United States early in the twentieth century, derived by back-formation from the adjective peevish, meaning "ornery or ill-tempered", which dates from the late 14th-century. The term pet peeve was introduced to a wide readership in the single-panel comic strip *The Little Pet Peeve* in the *Chicago Tribune* during the period 1916–1920.

The strip was created by American cartoonist Frank King (known for color and page design innovations), who also created the long-running *Gasoline Alley* strip. King's "little pet peeves" were humorous critiques of generally thoughtless behaviors and nuisance frustrations.

One of my biggest pet peeves is people who have constant cell phone distraction. I find this annoying and disrespectful when I'm talking to someone in person and they're neck deep into their phone screen. That is one of the reasons why I believe technology has affected many people in a negative way (although there are positive also). Many times, friends and even family have done that to me. I think to myself, why bother see each other if I will be ignored constantly?