

NEIGHBOURS

1. Look at those pictures. What do they have in common? How do people feel? What makes them feel like that? Choose one picture and describe it in detail.



2. Answer the questions.

1. Do you know your neighbours? Why (not)?
2. What is an ideal neighbour like?
3. How can a neighbour help you? How can you help your neighbours?
4. What things your neighbours do do you find the most annoying?
5. People knew their neighbours better in the past. Do you agree? Why (not)?

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3. Watch this video called Curry night RUINED by annoying neighbours. Take notes and then summarise the video. Watch out for the Scottish accent :-)

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4. Look at words used to describe relations with neighbours. Match them with their definitions. Then, use them to talk about the pictures from exercise 1.

argument / next door neighbour / barely see sb /
superficial relationship / nosey

quarrel

rarely meet sb

opposite to deep

wanting to know everything about you

person living in the flat close to yours

5. Look at idioms connected with neighbours. Complete them with the following words. Then, explain the meaning of the idioms.

in eye along house mind fences out

look for someone

keep an on get well with

..... your own business have a lot common

good make good neighbours

get on like a on fire

6. Look at the picture and finish the sentences.



The men don't get along well with each other because

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The woman on the right looks out for her neighbour

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People in this neighbourhood have a lot in common

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His next door neighbour is really nosy

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7. Build fragments of sentences using the words in brackets. You can change the words or add new words but don't change the word order.

1. Could you (keep / eye) my children while I water the plants?
2. My neighbours (decide / sell) their house last week.
3. My next door neighbour (drill) all day! The noise is driving me crazy!
4. I (not / get) well with my upstairs neighbours.
5. What (you / do) if you had really nosey neighbours.
6. I wish I (not / have) any neighbours.
7. Our neighbours (have / party) when suddenly the police knocked on their door.
8. My new neighbour (tell / I / mind) my own business.
9. I (use / live) in a very friendly neighbourhood.
10. My neighbour is so nosey that I try (avoid / talk) to her.

8. Read the quotes and say if you agree with them.

- "Borrow trouble for yourself, if that's your nature, but don't lend it to your neighbours." Rudyard Kipling
- "There are many who dare not kill themselves for fear of what the neighbours will say." Cyril Connolly
- "You can be a good neighbor only if you have good neighbors." Howard E. Koch
- "Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man." Benjamin Franklin

ANSWER KEY

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quarrel **argument**

rarely meet sb **barely see sb**

opposite to deep **superficial**

wanting to know everything about you **nosey**

person living in the flat close to yours **next door neighbour**

5. Look at idioms connected with neighbours. Complete them with the following words.

look **out** for someone

keep an **eye** on

get **along** well with

mind your own business

have a lot **in** common

get on like a **house** on fire

good **fences** make good neighbours

7. Build fragments of sentences using the words in brackets. You can change the words or add new words but don't change the word order.

1. Could you (keep / eye) **keep an eye on** my children while I water the plants?

2. My neighbours (decide / sell) **decided to sell** their house last week.

3. My next door neighbour (drill) **has been drilling** all day! The noise is driving me crazy!

4. I (not / get) **don't get along** well with my upstairs neighbours.

5. What (you / do) **would you do** if you had really nose-y neighbours.

6. I wish I (not / have) **didn't have** any neighbours.

7. Our neighbours (have / party) **were having a party** when suddenly the police knocked on their door.

8. My new neighbour (tell / I / mind) **told me to mind** my own business.

9. I (use / live) **used to live** in a very friendly neighbourhood.

10. My neighbour is so nose-y that I try (avoid / talk) **avoid talking** to her.