

# EVERYDAY LIFE

## GOOD NEIGHBOURS

**Age:** Teenager/Adult

**Level:** Pre-intermediate (A2)

**Time:** 30 minutes +

**Activity:** In this lesson, students will role-play complaining to neighbours

**Language focus:** complaining expressions and responses

**Materials:** one set of situation cards and mood cards per pair of students (cut them up before class, or hand out for the students to cut up themselves)

## PROCEDURE

Recap some problems that people have with their neighbours.

As a warmer, tell students to imagine that their next-door neighbours are having a party and they are going to complain. They go to the neighbours' door and ring the bell. What do they say? Elicit some ideas and write them on the board. Choose the best option if they want to be: a) polite, b) threatening, c) angry or d) timid.

Elicit what the neighbours would say in response to phrases above.

Hand out one copy of the worksheet per pair of students, for them to cut up the cards, or alternatively hand out one set of mood cards and situation cards to each pair of students. In each pair, one student is the neighbour who complains and the other is the neighbour causing the problem.

Ask students to turn over a situation card to establish what is happening. Then both students turn over a mood card to determine how they are going to behave. The students role-play the scene using appropriate phrases.

After each role play, students should shuffle the cards, change roles and repeat.

Ask each pair of students to perform their favourite role play in front of the class.

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## WORKSHEET

Oh no! Your neighbour has done something irritating! Here's your chance to practise confronting them. What would you say in the different situations, choosing a different mood each time?

### Situation cards

Your neighbour has parked his/her car in your parking place.	Your neighbour's dog is running free in the street and bites you.
Your neighbour's children have written graffiti on your front door.	Your neighbours keep playing 1970s disco records.
Your neighbours are having a loud argument and keeping you awake.	Your neighbours have stolen the mail from your letterbox.
Your neighbour's daughter practises the trumpet before school every day.	Your neighbours have painted their house bright pink.

### Mood cards

angry	polite
timid	friendly
apologetic	rude
threatening	tired