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Module 1 Our
world

Unit 1 Neighbours

Unit 1a Neighbours



1 water your plants when you're away



2 watch your house when you're away



3 feed your pet



4 do the shopping for you



5 babysit your kids

bad – neighbour – **good**



6 do DIY* at night



7 let their dog bark all day/night



8 let their children run wild



9 drop litter in your garden



10 play loud music late at night

Vocabulary (Ex. 1)

- **babysit (v)** to take care of babies or children for a short time while their parents are out
- **run wild (idm)** if children or animals **run wild**, they behave as they like because nobody is controlling them
- **litter (n)** small pieces of rubbish/garbage such as paper, cans and bottles, that people have left lying in a public place

Lead-in

1 What does a good or bad neighbour do? Look at the pictures and say.

A good neighbour waters your plants when you are away.

Answer Key (Ex. 1)

- 2 *A good neighbour watches your house when you're away.*
- 3 *A good neighbour feeds your pet.*
- 4 *A good neighbour does the shopping for you.*
- 5 *A good neighbour babysits your kids.*
- 6 *A bad neighbour does DIY at night.*
- 7 *A bad neighbour lets their dog bark all day/night.*
- 8 *A bad neighbour lets their children run wild.*
- 9 *A bad neighbour drops litter in your garden.*
- 10 *A bad neighbour plays loud music late at night.*

2 Think of your neighbours. How do the actions in the pictures make you feel: *angry? annoyed? embarrassed? thankful? grateful?*

A: *I get very angry when my neighbours play loud music late at night.*

B: *Me too. I'm also annoyed when my neighbour does DIY at night. He makes so much noise.*

Vocabulary (Ex. 2)

- **annoyed (adj)** irritated, slightly angry (รำคาญ)
- **embarrassed (adj)** shy, awkward or ashamed, especially in a social situation (รู้สึกอับอาย, ลำบากใจ)
- **thankful (adj)** pleased or grateful for something (รู้สึกยินดีหรืออยากขอบคุณ)
- **grateful (adj)** showing or expressing thanks, especially to another person (รู้สึกอยากขอบคุณ)

Answer Key (Ex. 2)

A: *I feel very thankful when my neighbour waters my plants and watches my house when I'm away.*

B: *Me too. I'm also grateful when my neighbour feeds my pet and does my shopping for me. etc*

Reading & Listening

- 3** a. Read the title of the text and look at the pictures again. What is the text about? Read through and check.

Answer Key (Ex. 3a)

The text is about the relationship the writer has with his/her neighbours and what they do that pleases or bothers him/her.



Love your neighbour?

I don't know about 1) **you**, but the way I feel about my neighbours **depends on** the time of year and even the time of day. I'll tell you why.

I am a **keen** gardener but 2) my next-door neighbour has a large dog that loves **digging**. Every autumn I plant bulbs and every spring I look 3) to a wonderful display of tulips, daffodils and snowdrops. I'm always disappointed and it really gets me down. I'm sure my neighbour's dog digs the **bulbs** up and they're 4) given a chance to **grow**. I haven't

actually seen him do it, 5) I give him the **benefit of the doubt**. However, the same dog also **does me a favour**, because if he sees birds trying to eat any **seeds** I plant, he **chases** them away immediately. It's because of him that I have such a lovely vegetable **patch**. So you can see 6) sometimes I love him and at other times I hate him.

Then there's my other neighbour 7) the street. She's a lovely lady who waters my plants when I'm away and generally **keeps an eye on things** 8) me. Her three teenage children, on the other hand, are another story. They often sit on my garden wall in the evenings with their friends. They usually have chips and soft drinks and they stay there for hours, **chatting cheerfully** and laughing. It **drives me crazy**. They make a lot of noise and always leave their empty drink cans and chip papers 9) , which really gets on my nerves! I have to go out the next morning and **clear away** their rubbish. But what can I do? I need to **keep on good terms** with them because their mother is so good to me.

So, love them or hate them, unless you want to move 10) it's best to do what I do. You should try to **get along** with your neighbours, even if they annoy you at times.



STUDY SKILLS

Completing a multiple choice cloze

Read the whole text to get an idea about the topic and general meaning. Read again carefully. Read a complete sentence before deciding on your choice of answer. Once you finish, read the whole text again, with the answers, to see if it makes sense.

b. Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. Listen and check. In groups, explain the words/ phrases in bold. Mime or draw their meaning.

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| 1 | A me | B you | C us | D them |
| 2 | A accidentally | B luckily | C badly | D unfortunately |
| 3 | A ahead | B behind | C forward | D around |
| 4 | A never | B often | C usually | D always |
| 5 | A although | B so | C then | D but |
| 6 | A when | B where | C what | D why |
| 7 | A across | B over | C round | D opposite |
| 8 | A to | B for | C with | D and |
| 9 | A after | B off | C out | D behind |
| 10 | A home | B house | C address | D flat |

Answer Key (Ex. 3b)

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|----|-----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | A me | B you | C us | D them |
| 2 | A accidentally | B luckily | C badly | D unfortunately |
| 3 | A ahead | B behind | C forward | D around |
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Words/Phrases in bold (Ex. 3b)

- **depends on (phr)**: used to mean that the first of two things will be affected by the second
- **keen (adj)**: enthusiastic
- **digging (gerund)**: making holes in soil, rubbish, rubble, etc
- **bulbs (n)**: large, round roots that grow into flowers or vegetables
- **grow (v)**: get bigger
- **give him the benefit of the doubt (exp)**: used when you're not sure someone is guilty, so you act as if they are innocent
- **does me a favour (phr)**: does something nice or good for sb
- **seeds (n)**: what you plant to grow into flowers, vegetables, etc
- **chases them away (phr)**: runs after to make something or someone go away
- **patch (n)**: small area of land where crops are grown
- **keeps an eye on things (phr)**: watches, looks out for
- **chatting cheerfully (phr)**: talking happily
- **drives me crazy (phr)**: makes me angry/irritated
- **clear away (phr)**: pick up and throw/put away
- **keep on good terms (phr)**: stay friendly
- **get along (phr v)**: have a good relationship

Everyday English (apologising)

4

Work in pairs. You have been a bad neighbour. Use the language in the table to apologise. Your partner accepts your apology.

Apologising

- Sorry!
- I'm really/very/so/sorry about/for ...
- I'd like to apologise/say sorry for ...
- I'm sorry. I didn't mean to ...
- I (do) apologise (for) ...

Accepting an apology

- Don't worry about it.
- Not at all.
- That's (quite) all right/OK.
- It doesn't matter (at all).
- Forget (about) it.

A: *I'm very sorry about the noise last night. I hope it didn't wake you up.*

B: *That's all right. I wasn't at home.*

Suggested Answer Key (Ex. 4)

A: *Mr Roberts, I'd like to apologise to you. I know that our dog, Jeff, was barking all night. I hope he didn't keep you awake.*

B: *Don't worry about it. It's the first time it has ever happened.*

5 Think of ten words you have learnt in this lesson. In pairs, make sentences using them.



Portfolio: Write a short paragraph about a neighbour of yours (40-60 words). Write:

- name & general impression
- what you like about him/her
- what you don't like & reasons
- sum up your opinion

Suggested Answer Key (Writing)

The man that lives next door to us is called Mr Smith. He has been our neighbour for many years and I really think he is a nice person. He always waters our plants and feeds our pet when we are away. However, sometimes, Mr Smith lets his dog bark all night. This drives me crazy because I can't get to sleep, but generally Mr Smith is a good neighbour. I think I am very lucky to live beside him!