



WELCOME TO YOUR ENGLISH CLASS!

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Good memories

- ▶ Ask questions to get to know people
- ▶ Discuss childhoods



1 SNAPSHOT

My Neighbors

Isabel Austin
Lakewood

About

- Hometown:** Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.
- Employer:** Lancaster Medical Center
- Interests:** I like to go to the movies and play video games. I also enjoy meeting people and cooking for friends.
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My Neighbors

Nicolás Rodríguez
Lakewood

About

- Hometown:** Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Employer:** Lakewood Recreation Center
- Interests:** I love skiing, swimming, camping – anything outdoors. Right now, I'm learning to skateboard.
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Nicolás and Isabel are neighbors. Do you think they could be friends?

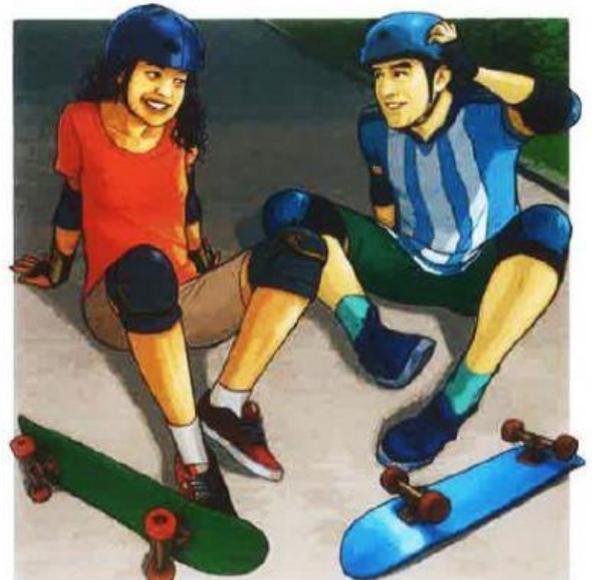
What social media sites do you belong to? Which one is your favorite?

Create your own online profile and share it with your classmates. What things do you have in common?

2 CONVERSATION Where did you learn to skateboard?

A Listen and practice.

- Isabel:** Oh, I'm really sorry. Are you OK?
Nico: I'm fine. But I'm not very good at this.
Isabel: Neither am I . . . Hey, I like your shirt. Are you from Argentina?
Nico: Yes, I am, originally. I was born there.
Isabel: Did you grow up there?
Nico: Yes, I did, but my family moved here 10 years ago, when I was in middle school.
Isabel: And where did you learn to skateboard?
Nico: Here in the park. I only started about a month ago.
Isabel: Well, it's my *first* time. Can you give me some lessons?
Nico: Sure. Just follow me.
Isabel: By the way, my name is Isabel.
Nico: And I'm Nico. Nice to meet you.



3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

▶ Past tense

Where **were** you born?

I **was** born in Argentina.

Were you born in Buenos Aires?

Yes, I **was**.

No, I **wasn't**. I **was** born in Córdoba.

When **did** you **move** to Los Angeles?

I **moved** here 10 years ago. I **didn't speak** English.

Did you **take** English classes in Argentina?

Yes, I **did**. I **took** classes for a year.

No, I **didn't**. My aunt **taught** me at home.

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- Use a form of *be* with *born*: I **was born** here. (NOT: I **born** here.) Don't use a form of *be* with the verb *die*: He **died** last year. (NOT: He **was-died** last year.)

Complete the conversation.

1. **A:** Do you live around here?

B: No, I don't. I'm from Costa Rica.

A: Really? Were you born in Costa Rica?

B: No. Actually, I was born in San Miguelito, Panama.

2. **A:** That's interesting. So where did you grow up?

B: I grew up in Costa Rica. My family moved there when I was little.

3. **A:** Did we live in the capital?

B: No, my family didn't live in a city. We lived in a small town called Puerto Viejo.

4. **A:** How far lived away from Puerto Viejo?

B: Oh, about eight years ago. I left Puerto Viejo to go to college.

5. **A:** Where were to college?

B: I went to college in San Jose, and I live there now.

6. **A:** And when were to Miami?

B: I got here a few days ago. I'm visiting my cousin.

A Complete these conversations. Then practice with a partner.

1. **A:** Your English is very good. When _____ you begin to study English?

B: I _____ in middle school.

A: What _____ you think of English class at first?

B: I _____ it was a little difficult, but fun.

2. **A:** Where _____ you born?

B: I _____ born in Mexico.

A: _____ you grow up there?

B: No, I _____ . I _____ up in Canada.

3. **A:** Where _____ you meet your best friend?

B: We _____ in high school.

A: Do you still see each other?

B: Yes, but not very often. She _____ to South Korea two years ago.

4. **A:** _____ you have a favorite teacher when you _____ a child?

B: Yes, I _____ . I _____ a very good teacher named Mr. Potter.

A: What _____ he teach?

B: He _____ math.

4 LISTENING Why did you move?

- ▶ **A** Listen to interviews with two immigrants to the United States. Why did they move to the U.S.A.?
- ▶ **B** Listen again and complete the chart.

	Enrique	Jessica
1. What were the most difficult changes?		
2. What do they miss the most?		

- C GROUP WORK** Enrique and Jessica talk about difficult changes. What could be some positive things about moving to a city like New York?