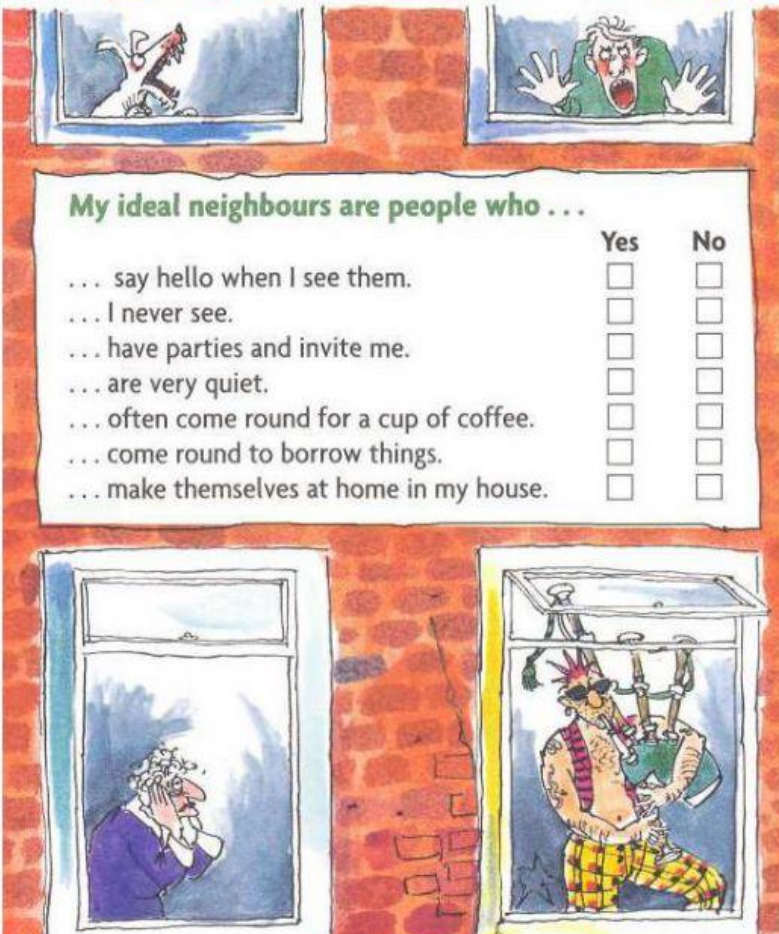


LISTENING AND SPEAKING

Neighbours

Who are your ideal neighbours? Complete the questionnaire on the right, then discuss your answers with a partner.

QUESTIONNAIRE



My ideal neighbours are people who ...

	Yes	No
... say hello when I see them.	☐	☐
... I never see.	☐	☐
... have parties and invite me.	☐	☐
... are very quiet.	☐	☐
... often come round for a cup of coffee.	☐	☐
... come round to borrow things.	☐	☐
... make themselves at home in my house.	☐	☐

'Good walls make good neighbours'. What does this mean? Do you agree?

You will hear Mrs Snell and her new neighbour, Steve, talking about each other.

T 1.4

Listen to Mrs Snell.

Slow
Regular

T 1.5

Listen to Steve.

Slow
Regular

Answer the questions.

- 1 When did Steve move into his new flat?
- 2 Is it a large flat?
- 3 What's his job? Is it a good job?
- 4 Does he work long hours?
- 5 What does he wear for work?
- 6 Who is staying with Steve at the moment?
- 7 What time did Steve's party end?
- 8 How many people came to the party?
- 9 What is Steve doing tonight?
- 10 Why doesn't Mrs Snell want to speak to Steve?

Here you can read the script to the audio.

T 1.4 Mrs Snell

I've got a new neighbour. He moved in a few weeks ago. He's got a job, because I see him leaving the house every morning and then coming home in the evening. He's a builder, I think. He wears jeans and a T-shirt, so it can't be a very good job. Sometimes he comes home late.

I've never spoken to him. When he sees me, he says hello, but I don't answer back because nobody has introduced us. How can I speak to him?

His girlfriend is living with him. I know it's not unusual these days, but I still don't like it, boys and girls living together and not married.

It's such a small flat. I don't know how two people can live there.

He had a party last week. Forty people! The noise! It went on until two in the morning. He said sorry the next day, but it was a bit late by then. I didn't sleep all night.

Oh, there's the door. I can see him now. He's going out with his girlfriend. I wonder what they're doing tonight. Having a good time. Going to the pub, probably.

T 1.5 Steve

I moved into this flat a few weeks ago, and I'm really enjoying living here. There's only one bedroom, and at the moment my sister is staying with me because she's looking for a job.

I work in advertising. It's hard work, and the hours are really long, but I like it. And it's well paid. The office is really relaxed. No one wears a suit or a tie.

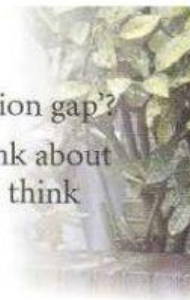
The only thing I don't like about this flat is one of the neighbours, Mrs Snell, I think her name is. She's really strange. She never speaks to anyone. I always say hello to her, and 'Are you all right?' and 'What a lovely day today!', but she never says a word. Maybe she doesn't like young people.

I had a party a few days ago. It really wasn't very noisy. About ten of us were here until 11.00 and then we went out to a club. When I saw Mrs Snell the next day, I said I hoped there wasn't too much noise, but as usual she didn't say anything. Funny lady.

This evening my sister and I are going to visit a friend of ours who's in hospital, and then we're going out for a Chinese meal.

What do you think?

- What do you understand by the words 'generation gap'?
- Write down three things that young people think about older people and three things that older people think about young people. In groups, compare ideas.



How are you?	Sleep well!
Hello, Jane!	Yes. Can I help you?
How do you do?	Good morning!
See you tomorrow!	Fine, thanks.
Good night!	Pleased to meet you, Ela.
Good morning!	Not at all. Don't mention it.
Hello, I'm Ela Paul.	Thanks.
Cheers!	Same to you!
Excuse me!	That's very kind. Thank you.
Bless you!	Bye!
Have a good weekend!	How do you do?
Thank you very much indeed.	Hi, Peter!
Make yourself at home.	Cheers!