

INTERMEDIATE UNIT 8

1 OVERVIEW: Watch the video. Which opinions do you most agree with?

2 Read and complete Val's introduction with the words from the box. Then watch the video from 0:10–0:26 and check your answers.

block well neighbours quite a few similar

Hi. I live in a 'block of flats and I know ² _____ of my neighbours really ³ _____. We like ⁴ _____ things so we socialise ⁵ _____ a lot. Today, I'm going to ask people about their ⁶ _____. How well do you know your neighbours?

Glossary: socialise = spend free time with



3 How well do you know your neighbours? Look at the people below and read the questions. Then watch the video from 0:26–1:22 and match the people to the questions. There are TWO questions for two of the people.



Jane



James



Rosie



Eddie



Dawn

Who ...

- 1 knows one or two of his neighbours really quite well?
- 2 doesn't get on with all of his neighbours?
- 3 shares a garden with the neighbours who live in the flats above and below?
- 4 doesn't even know what some of his neighbours look like?
- 5 has never even seen her neighbours?
- 6 moved in to a flat about six months ago but hardly knows her neighbours at all?
- 7 lives in a house which has been divided into three flats?

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4 What makes a good neighbour? Look at the people in Exercise 3 again and read the list of their responses in the table. Then watch the video from 1:22–2:05 and tick (✓) the responses given by each person. Some speakers have more than one response.

	Jane	James	Rosie	Eddie	Dawn
1 feeds your cat					
2 is considerate					
3 isn't noisy					
4 doesn't cause you grief					
5 looks out for you	✓				
6 keeps up their property					
7 you can leave your key with them					
8 isn't intrusive					
9 you can trust them					
10 doesn't leave trash around					

Glossary: considerate = always thinking of what other people need or want
look out for someone = make sure someone is safe/treated well
keep up (your) property = keep (your) house/home clean inside and out
trash = rubbish (American English)
cause (you) grief = cause problems for (you)

- 5** What makes a bad neighbour? Look at the people and read their answers. Then watch the video from 2:05–2:41 and underline the words you hear.



Rosie

A bad neighbour is someone that ¹forgot/forgets that you exist ²also/as well, and has loud music until ³six a.m./six o'clock.



James

Not respecting privacy, ⁴intruding/interfering. Not understanding what your neighbour wants and not ⁵just/only in that sense, but in the sense of not ⁶caring/participating, not doing things when a neighbour needs help.



Dawn

Someone who is not considerate, who, whether it's a lot of ⁷noise/noisy or a lot of trash, doesn't ⁸upkeep/keep up their property, who's not really ⁹a friend/friendly.

- 6** Who's the best or worst neighbour you've ever had? Look at the people and read the statements about Dawn, Jane and James' neighbours. Then watch the video from 2:41–3:36 and tick (✓) the correct option, a, b or c.



Dawn



Jane



James

- 1 Dawn's neighbour ...
 - a) lived downstairs
 - b) wasn't very nice.
 - c) was very quiet. ✓
- 2 The neighbour ...
 - a) often went to see if Dawn was OK.
 - b) didn't chat much.
 - c) was very pretty.
- 3 The worst neighbour Jane ever had ...
 - a) was a woman.
 - b) was very noisy.
 - c) lived in the last house in the street.
- 4 Jane ...
 - a) was scared of her neighbour.
 - b) argued with her neighbour.
 - c) could hear her neighbour all the time.
- 5 One night, James ...
 - a) heard a noise outside.
 - b) opened the door.
 - c) saw a policeman outside.
- 6 The policeman wanted James to ...
 - a) shoot three people.
 - b) stay in the garden.
 - c) crouch down.
- 7 The man next door was ...
 - a) the number 1 in a criminal gang.
 - b) arrested and taken away.
 - c) shot by a policeman.

Glossary: oftentimes = often (American English)
 chat = have a light conversation
 crouch down = bend your knees and almost sit on the ground
 to shoot/shot = shoot a gun

7 THE WAY WE SPEAK: The people below tell us how well they know their neighbours. Read what they say and try to complete their responses with the phrases from the box. Then watch the video from 0:26–1:22 and check your answers.

quite well even seen not look like very typical varies at all really quite



Rosie

I know my neighbours ¹quite well.



James

It ²_____ enormously. One or two ³_____ well; some very close, I don't even know what they ⁴_____. And that is very typical of this area. I live just round the corner from here, ⁵_____ of inner city, urban London.



Dawn

⁶_____ at all. I've never ⁷_____ them. No, I don't know them ⁸_____, quite honestly.

Glossary: *vary* = not all the same
enormously = a great deal
inner city = the middle of the city

8 PERSONALISATION: Write *your* answers to the questions.

1 How well do you know your neighbours?

2 What makes a good/bad neighbour?

3 Who's the best or worst neighbour you've ever had?
