IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

talk english

Lesson preparation

NIGHTMARE NEIGHBOURS

I've lived in a rented flat for the last six months and until recently life has been very quiet and peaceful. But now a new couple have **moved in** next door and they are making my life impossible. The main problem is that they have parties during the week that **go on** all night. Sometimes their friends **turn up** at their flat at two or three in the morning and when I complain they just tell me to **go away**. My two children can't sleep because of the noise, so I don't get enough sleep either. I was doing evening classes twice a week, but I've had to **give** them **up** because I'm too tired to go. Now when I get home I just **take off** my coat, **sit down** in front of the TV and fall asleep – until the party starts next door, of course.

All this is making me very depressed and fed up and I just can't **put up with** the noise any longer. I like living here and I **get on** well **with** all my other neighbours, but these people are a nightmare. I don't want to **go back** to my parents' house where we were living before, but I don't know what else to do. Do your readers have any advice for me?

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1. Read the letter and answer the questions:

a. What problems does Yvonne have?

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b. How has she tried to solve the problem?

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c. How has this problem change her day-to-day life?

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d. How does she feel now?

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2. Read the letter again. Match the phrasal verbs in bold to their meanings a – j

a. Start living in a new home *move in*
b. Like someone and be friendly to him/her
c. Be standing and then sit in a chair
d. Tolerate
e. Stop doing
f. Leave a place
g. Continue
h. Arrive at a place
i. Return
j. remove

LIVEWORKSHEETS