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Don't throw stones at your neighbors if your own windows are glass.  
Benjamin Franklin, American politician

## Nightmare neighbors

### 1 VOCABULARY verb phrases

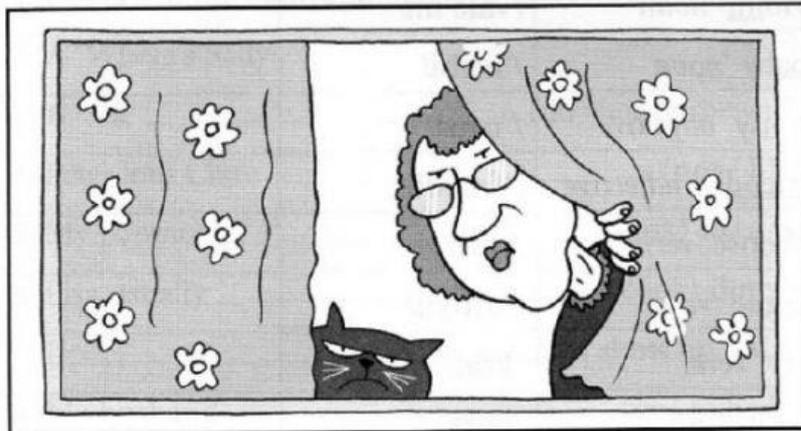
Complete the text with the correct form of these verbs.

argue   move   bark   cry   talk   have   watch   play

My neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, are terrible. They  
 1 argue all the time and their dog 2 \_\_\_\_\_ all day. They  
 have a three-month-old baby who 3 \_\_\_\_\_ every night,  
 and Mr. Jackson 4 \_\_\_\_\_ the violin early in the morning.  
 Then Mrs. Jackson gets up, and they 5 \_\_\_\_\_ loudly  
 about everything. In the evening, they often 6 \_\_\_\_\_ their  
 furniture around and they 7 \_\_\_\_\_ TV late at night. And  
 on weekends, they often 8 \_\_\_\_\_ noisy parties!

### 2 GRAMMAR present continuous

a Complete the dialogue.



**A** What <sup>1</sup> are you doing (you / do), Grandma?

**B** I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at the neighbors.

**A** What <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (they / do)?

<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (Mrs. Jackson / watch) TV?

**B** No, she <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (move) the furniture.

**A** And <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (Mr. Jackson / play)  
the violin?

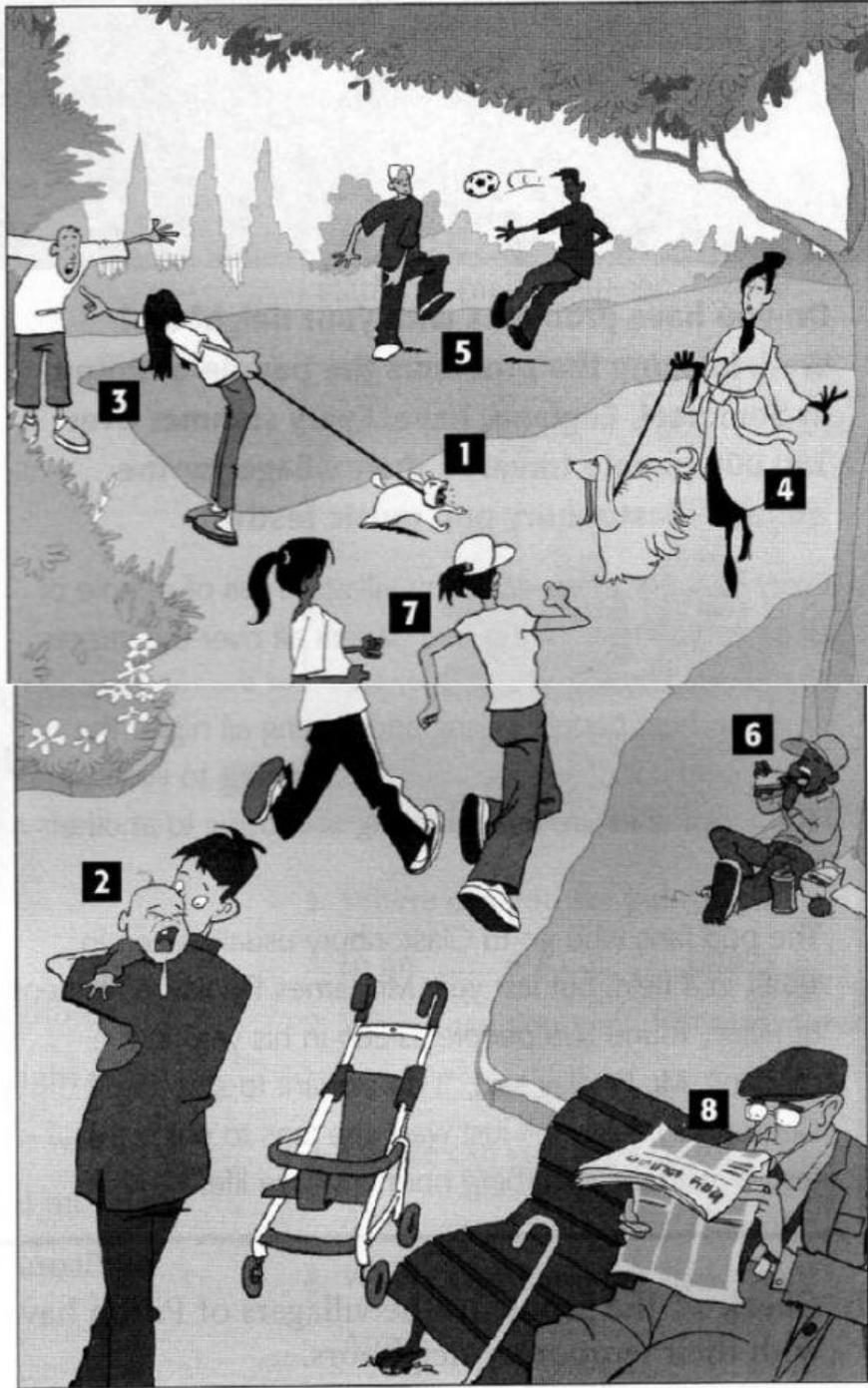
**B** Yes, he is. Oh, look! Some people

<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive). I think they want to

have a party. Mr. Jackson <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

(open) the door...

**b** Look at the picture of a park. What are the people doing?



1 *The dog's barking.*

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_

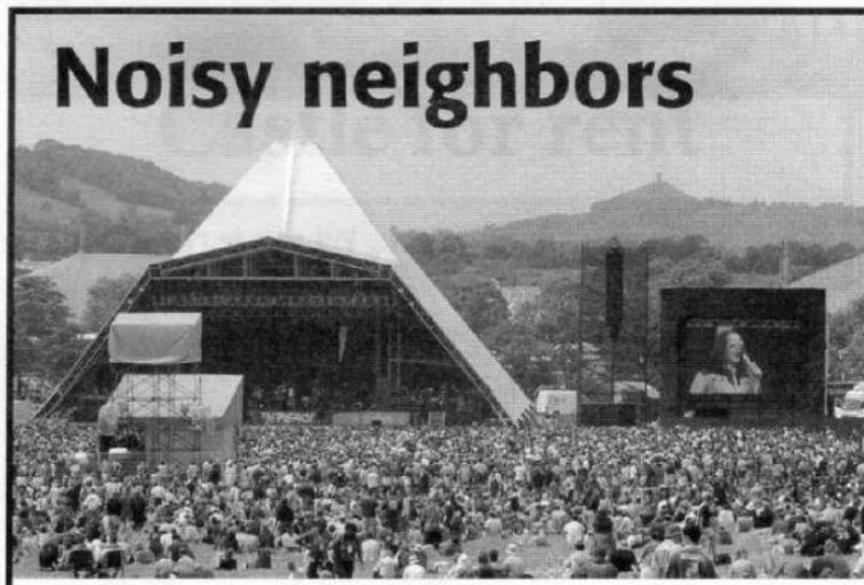
6 \_\_\_\_\_

7 \_\_\_\_\_

8 \_\_\_\_\_

### 3 READING

a Read the text.



**Do you have problems with your neighbors?  
Well, imagine the problems the people of Pilton  
in Somerset, England, have. Every summer over  
150,000 people travel to their village for the  
annual Glastonbury pop music festival.**

Every year, for three days, the village is full of people of all ages who leave cans and papers all over the streets. The music plays until the early hours of the morning and you can hear people talking and singing all night. The quiet country village becomes a nightmare to live in, and some residents are even thinking of moving to another village.

The pop fans who go to Glastonbury usually sleep in tents in a field, but last year Mr. James Findlay, a resident of Pilton, found two people asleep in his yard in the morning. Mr. Findlay said, "I don't want to stop the Glastonbury Festival. I just want the fans to enjoy the festival without disturbing normal village life."

- b Check  the problems the villagers of Pilton have with their temporary neighbors.
- 1  Their dogs bark.
  - 2  They throw their trash on the street.
  - 3  They listen to loud music.
  - 4  Their babies cry all night.
  - 5  They make a lot of noise.
  - 6  They go into other people's yards.
  - 7  They watch TV late at night.
  - 8  They break things in the village.

## More Words to Learn

Write translations and try to remember the words.

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
<u>neighbor</u> <i>noun</i>	/'neɪbər/	
<u>violin</u> <i>noun</i>	/vaɪə'liːn/	
<u>baby</u> <i>noun</i>	/'beɪbi/	
<u>noisy</u> <i>adjective</i>	/'nɔɪzi/	
<u>friendly</u> <i>adjective</i>	/'frɛndli/	
<u>choose</u> <i>verb</i>	/tʃuːz/	
<u>argue</u> <i>verb</i>	/'ɑːɡju/	
<u>cry</u> <i>verb</i>	/kraɪ/	
<u>bark</u> <i>verb</i>	/bɑːk/	
<u>move</u> <i>verb</i>	/muːv/	