

## Safe neighbourhood

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Warm-Up: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGp4FST59Vo>

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**Task 1.** What do you know about... **Neighbourhood watch groups?** What are they? What do they do exactly?

Watch the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mbf7M-xVaOI> (*The Ultimate Guide to Joining or Starting Your Own Neighborhood Watch*; up to minute 1 – **definition**; from 2'26" to 4'20" – **functions**) and take notes. Were you right?

**Task 2. Mediation task:**

**Student A:** You are a **police officer** and you've been **asked by the Town Hall** to give a **talk to local residents about how to keep a neighbourhood safe (1'30"-2')**. Use the info in the infographic below:



(Source: <https://twitter.com/CityofRHE/status/1171492763432472577>)

**Student B:** You are a **police officer** and you've been **asked by the Town Hall** to give a **talk to local people about how to prevent acts of vandalism in their neighbourhood (1'30"-2')**. Use the info in the infographic below:



(Source: <https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/home/showpublishedimage/4968/638215745734300000>)

**Task 3. Watch the video [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BECe\\_ok1RI8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BECe_ok1RI8) (How to use linking words in English - BBC English Masterclass).** Fill in the gaps:

\_\_\_\_\_ (1) I was hosting an amazing dinner party last night. Well, \_\_\_\_\_ (2) it was a complete disaster. I burnt the meat. People arrived when I was still cooking. \_\_\_\_\_ (3), I did say turn up when you want. And I did start cooking pretty late. Anyway, \_\_\_\_\_ (4), I burnt the meat. The dishes were all ready at different times. The dessert was... Oh! \_\_\_\_\_ (5), I completely forgot to serve dessert. \_\_\_\_\_ (6), everyone went home hungry. \_\_\_\_\_ (7) how was your evening? \_\_\_\_\_ (8) before I forget, it's my birthday next week and I'm having a dinner party. Do you want to come?

**Task 4. Watch the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HaJ01IG-50U> (BBC English Masterclass: Learn these useful phrases for English conversation).** Fill in the gaps:

Dan: I've just found out that nobody wants to go skydiving for our Christmas party.

Sian: Well, \_\_\_\_\_ (1), it was a bit of a crazy idea. \_\_\_\_\_ (2), we normally just go out for dinner.

Dan: \_\_\_\_\_ (3), I thought everyone would love the idea, so I've already bought all the tickets and they're non-refundable.

Sian: Ah, so \_\_\_\_\_ (4), you've lost a lot of money.

Dan: Yes.

Sian: Well, \_\_\_\_\_ (5), it's only money and Christmas is coming.

Dan: Yeah, but I won't have enough money to buy any presents for my family.

Sian: \_\_\_\_\_ (6). Why don't you take them all skydiving as your gift to them?

Dan: That's a great idea. They'll be over the moon, \_\_\_\_\_ (7)!

I THINK =>

- It seems to me (that)...
- I have the impression that...
- Personally, // • For me personally,
- To my mind,
- I feel (strongly) that... // I (strongly) believe that...
- As I see it, // The way I see it,
- Speaking from personal experience,

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- How do you feel about...?
- What's your take on...?
- What are your thoughts on this

AGREEING:

- Absolutely /Exactly/Sure/Definitely
- Quite /Yes, quite/ Quite so (=That's quite true)
- I see your point.
- I couldn't agree more
- Fair enough (after some negotiation)
- You have a point there.
- (It seems) we are on the same page

DISAGREEING:

- I see your point, but... / I see what you mean, but
- I agree with you up to a point because...
- Don't get me wrong, (but...)
- I beg to differ
- (I'm afraid) That's not always the case
- I see what you mean but...

DIRECT THE CONVERSATION TOWARDS THE TOPIC:

- By the way,
- Speaking of...
- That reminds me of...
- Back to my original point, ...

REPHRASING:

- In other words,
- ..., that is to say, ...
- What I mean is that...

FILLERS:

- So, • You see, ... • ..., you see, ... • You know, • I mean, • ..., like,... (informal)

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**Task 5. Dialogue.** You and your partner have a meeting of your neighbourhood association to decide about how to keep your neighbourhood safe and clean. Talk for about 6 minutes. Use the vocab from the videos and the list above.

- Gatherings to get to know each other better
- Neighbourhood watch or hiring a security guard
- Investing in CCTV and lighting
- Prevention of vandalism (littering; graffiti)
- Creating a group on social media to communicate and coordinate better