

1 Read the story and number the pictures in the correct order.



1 This man lives in a house with his wife and his six children. It's a small house. There are two bedrooms upstairs. There's a kitchen and a living room downstairs. The house is very noisy.

2 One day the man talks to his neighbour.

"My house is very small and very, very noisy. I can't move, I can't think and I can't sleep. What can I do?"

"That's not a problem. I can help you."

"Really?"

"Yes. Have you got any animals?"

"Yes, I've got a cow, a goat and six chickens."

"Put them all in the house!"

3 The man is surprised. But he puts the cow, the goat and the chickens in the house. Now there are eight people and eight animals in the house. The house is very full. It's very, very noisy. And it's very, very, very smelly, too.

4 He talks to his neighbour in the morning.

"The cow and the goat and the chickens are in the house now. But it's terrible! The chickens are sleeping in my bed. The cow is living in the kitchen. And the goat is eating the sofa!"

"Put the chickens outside."

The man puts the chickens outside.

5 Now he can sleep in his bed. But he can't cook and he can't sit in the living room.

He talks to his neighbour in the morning.

"Your idea isn't working. We can't use the kitchen because the cow is in it. And we can't sit on the sofa because the goat is eating it!"

"Put the goat outside."

The man puts the goat outside. Now they can use the sitting room. But they can't cook in the kitchen.

6 He talks to his neighbour in the morning.

"Things are terrible at home. We can't cook and the children are hungry. What can I do?"

"Put the cow outside."

The man puts the cow outside.

7 He talks to his neighbour in the afternoon.

"How are things at home?"

"Fantastic! Now we can sleep, we can eat and we can use the living room. It's quiet! And it doesn't smell! Thank you very much."

"It's a pleasure."

2 Read the story again and match the sentence halves.

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| 1 The man and his family live f ____ | a now he can sit on the sofa. |
| 2 The man can't stand ____ | b and smelly too! |
| 3 He talks to his neighbour and then ____ | c now he can use the kitchen. |
| 4 Now the house is noisy ____ | d the noise in his house. |
| 5 First he puts the chickens outside and ____ | e in his house. |
| 6 Then he puts the goat outside and ____ | f in a small house. |
| 7 After that he puts the cow outside and ____ | g he puts all his animals in the house. |
| 8 Finally he is happy ____ | h now he can sleep. |

3 Now listen to the recording of the story while you read it again.

4 Choose or invent a title for the story.

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| 1 A clever neighbour. | 3 If you think things are bad, think again. |
| 2 A man, his family and their animals. | 4 Your title: _____ |