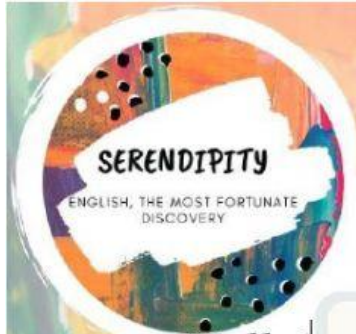




Hello!

Welcome to Opportunities for Serendipity English Course!

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



.....

Love your neighbours.

### 1. Vocabulary & Speaking

a. Read the article about neighbours.

#### Noisy neighbours the top problems!

Sometimes it is difficult to love your neighbours, especially when they make a lot of noise. These are some things people do that cause problems in the UK (not in order).

- ☐ Their babies cry.
- ☐ Their dogs bark.
- ☐ They talk loudly or argue a lot.
- ☐ They have noisy parties.
- ☐ Their children shout all the time.
- ☐ They have the TV on very loud.
- ☐ They play loud music.
- ☐ They play musical instruments.

- b. Listen to eight sounds and write a-h in the gaps.
- c. Which do you think are the top three in your country
- d. Do the questionnaire.

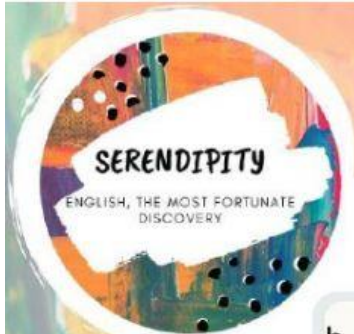
### Are your neighbours noisy? Are you a noisy neighbour?

- 1 Do you live in a house or a flat?
- 2 Do you have neighbours...?
  - a upstairs
  - b downstairs
  - c next door
- 3 Are your neighbours...?
  - a very noisy
  - b quite noisy
  - c not very noisy
- 4 Which of the things in a do they do? Do they make any other noises?
- 5 Are you a noisy neighbour? Which of the things in a do you or your family do?

## 2. Grammar: present continuous

- a. Look at the pictures of the flats. Why do you think the couple in flat 5 can't sleep?





b. Listen and complete the dialogues with these verbs.

arguing   crying   doing   getting   going   happening  
having   saying   shouting

1 Man: Are you awake?

Woman: Yes. What's that noise?

M: They're..... a party downstairs.

W: Again! What time is it?

M: 12.00.

2 W: Who's .....?

M: People in the street. From the party.

W: What's .....? Why are they shouting?

M: I can't hear.

W: Are they ..... ?

M: No, they aren't. They're .....goodbye.

Excuse

me! We're trying to sleep. It's 1.00 in the morning!

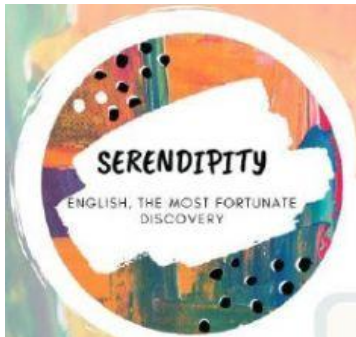
3. M: Oh no. Now the baby next door is ..... !

W: What's the time?

M: It's 5.00.

W: What are you ..... ? Where are you  
.....?

M: I'm..... up. I can't sleep with that noise.



c. Complete the sentences.

|   |                                        |
|---|----------------------------------------|
| + | They ..... having a party in number 8. |
| - | They ..... arguing.                    |
| ? | ..... they arguing?                    |
| ? | What ..... you doing?                  |

d. Complete the grammar rule about Present Continuous.

We use the Present Continuous to talk about NOW / EVERY DAY.

e. Listen to the sounds. What's happening? Write six sentences.

### 3. Listening

- a. Look at the photo and read about Rebecca Flint.

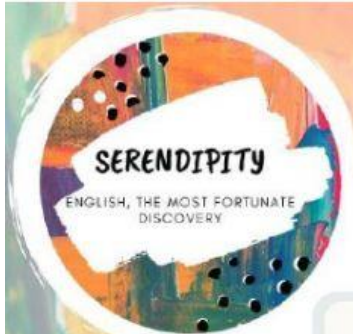
#### Switzerland

#### The sound of silence

Switzerland has very strict anti-noise rules, especially for people who live in flats. **Rebecca Flint**, a British woman who lives and works in the Swiss town of Chur, tells us about a life without noise.



- b. Listen to Rebecca talking about noise rules where she lives. Does she think they are a good thing or a bad thing?
- c. Listen and choose:
1. Rebecca lives in a small HOUSE / FLAT.
  2. During the week she can't make noise between 11.30 / 12.30 and 2.00 pm.
  3. She can't have a bath or shower AFTER / BEFORE 10 pm.
  4. On Saturdays she can't play ROCK / LOUD music after 10 pm.
  5. You can't make any noise at all on SATURDAYS / SUNDAYS.



d. Listen again and complete:

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| During the week | <p>1. She can't..... between 12.30 and 2.00 pm.</p> <p>2. She can't..... without headphones or ..... after 10 pm.</p> <p>3. She can't have a .....or a ..... after 10pm.</p> |
| On Saturdays    | <p>4. She can ....., but it can't be loud after 10 pm.</p>                                                                                                                   |
| On Sundays      | <p>5. She can't..... furniture or put a .....on the wall.</p> <p>6. She can't..... the washing machine.</p>                                                                  |