



VOCAB AND GRAMMAR REVIEW

UNIT 16 IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Wherever you are

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Neighbours. Everybody needs good neighbours.

Let me introduce you to Dominic

Dominic is my neighbour. He lives in the flat downstairs. He started living in the flat (1) about two months ago. I've never seen him or spoken to him and I didn't know his name until last week. I'm a typical British neighbour - I don't need to have a good relationship with (2) my neighbours.

Dominic plays the guitar. Well, actually he's learning to play the guitar. Every evening he comes home and plays the guitar. For an hour. Or maybe two. Sometimes it continues (3) for the whole evening. And sometimes he sings at the same time. I can hear his voice clearly. In fact, he's got quite a good voice. But he isn't a good guitarist.

Now, I'm a patient person. I love music. And Dominic is learning to play the guitar. I really can't ask him to stop (4) playing his favourite instrument. So I tolerate (5) his music, his guitar and his singing.

Dominic 's other hobby is DIY. That means he builds things. His favourite time for DIY is on Saturday mornings. BANG BANG BANG. I don't know what Dominic is doing. But I know he likes doing it.

When I got home yesterday evening. I found a note. And that's how I know my neighbour's name is Dominic. It had three spelling mistakes, but it was polite. It said that he's working late every night at the moment. So, he often sleeps in the mornings. But unfortunately Dominic isn't getting enough sleep because my radio is too loud in the mornings.

I thought about what I should do. So I sat on a chair (6) removed (7) my coat, and wrote a polite note to Dominic. I wrote about good neighbours, noise and being tolerant. But I didn't give it to him. This morning I got up, put the radio on and turned the volume down. I am too considerate, I know.

Nice to meet you. Dominic.

1. Answer the questions:

a. What does Dominic do to annoy his neighbor?

b. What does Vaughan think of his neighbor's singing?

c. What two adjectives does Vaughan use to describe his personalities?

d. Why did Dominic complain to Vaughan?

e. What did Vaughan do on the morning after he got the note?

2. Change the underlined phrases 1-7 into correct verb tense:

move in	go on	sit down	take off	give up	get on with	put up with
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