



## Reading Time!



### **My Neighbors and Friends**

By Ellen Bailey

My neighbors and my friends are very dear to me.  
They are always there whenever there is a need.  
We talk to each other and we borrow and lend.  
Such treasures they are, my neighbors and friends.

I sing when they sing, and I laugh when they laugh.  
We do things for each other on the other's behalf.  
They share with me their many worries and fears.  
I share with them my compassion and my tears.

How lonely and cheerless a place my soul would be  
Without such neighbors and good friends as these.  
I cherish them all and take each one into my heart,  
Feeling the love and kindness each in turn imparts.

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## Checking Your Understanding

Answer the following questions based on the poem.

1. Who is dear to the poet?

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2. What do they do for each other?

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3. How would the poet feel if he or she does not have neighbors?

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4. Are you also friends with your neighbors? Why?

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5. How do you treat your neighbors?

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## Learning New Words

Read the following sentences and find the meaning of the underlined word. Put a check mark (✓) on the line beside the correct answer.

1. My neighbors are dear to me.

\_\_\_\_\_ They are animals.

\_\_\_\_\_ They are important.

\_\_\_\_\_ They are husband and wife.

2. My neighbors comfort me when I am worried.

\_\_\_\_\_ They bring me a comforter (thick blanket).

\_\_\_\_\_ They make me worry more about my problems.

\_\_\_\_\_ They try to make me happy when I am sad.

3. I share with them my compassion.

\_\_\_\_\_ I show my kindness to them.

\_\_\_\_\_ I show my compass to them.

\_\_\_\_\_ I show my passport to them.

4. I cherish my friendship with my neighbors.

\_\_\_\_\_ My friendship with them is important.

\_\_\_\_\_ I always buy cherries for them.

\_\_\_\_\_ They are only important to me when they are kind.

5. This would be a cheerless place if I do not have friends and neighbors.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be happy.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be lonely.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be a cheerleader.

Examples:

**Persons** – mother, father, doctor, teacher

**Places** – school, house, park, playground

**Things** – desk, chair, ball, clothes

**Animals** – dogs, cat, bird, rabbit

**Events** – birthday, Christmas, New Year



### Exercise 1

Identify the nouns being described from the poem “My Neighbors and Friends”. Fill in the blanks to complete the noun.

1. A place where you feel safe  
h \_ \_ e
2. A tasty meal you could share  
f \_ \_ d
3. A person who cares for you  
f \_ ie \_ d
4. A place where children can play  
p \_ a \_ g \_ \_ un \_
5. A group of people in a community  
n \_ igh \_ \_ rs

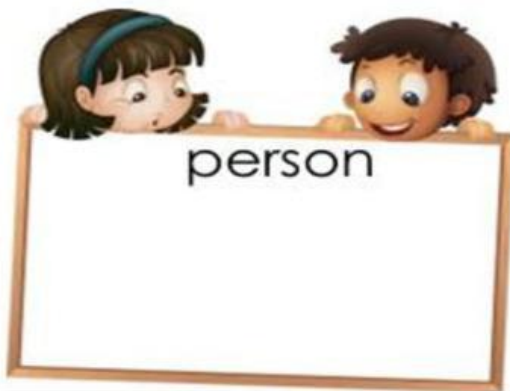




## Exercise 2

Group the following words into person, thing, animal, or event.

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|--------|------|----------------|----------------------|----------|
| pen    | hen  | sister         | dog                  | birthday |
| park   | fish | New Year's Eve |                      | mall     |
| church |      | mother         |                      | eraser   |
| uncle  |      | chair          | National Heroes' Day |          |



event

