



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?

2. What do they do for each other?

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

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

5. How do you treat your neighbors?



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.

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



event

