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Neighbours

Vocabulary Practice

Neighbours

1 Fill in the blanks with the words below.

- waters • keeps an eye on things • grateful • thoughtful
- drives ... crazy • easy-going • a stiff upper lip • polite
- creative • chatting

The three people below are neighbours in a block of flats in London.



Neelam Gupta is 23 years old. Neelam is Indian and she studies photography at the Chelsea School of Art. She loves her neighbours and they love her. She is a very **1)** person who enjoys helping others. When her neighbours are away on holiday she **2)** their plants for them and generally **3)** Her neighbours are always very **4)** to her for her help.



Alison Greenway is 25 years old and she works as a DJ for a radio station. She was born in Australia but she moved to London when she was 15. Alison is friendly and **5)** At weekends she loves **6)** and laughing with her friends in the garden. This sometimes **7)** her neighbours, especially when Alison and her friends play really loud music!



Georgiana Portman is 58 years old. She is English and she is a History Professor at London University. Georgiana is very artistic and **8)** She plays the violin and the piano and she loves painting portraits. She is a typical Englishwoman. She is sometimes annoyed by Alison's loud music but she keeps **9)** about it. She is very **10)** and reserved.

2 Cross the odd word out, as in the example.

- 1 chatterbox, ~~sensible~~, lazybones, troublemaker
- 2 sensible, safe, friendly, ambitious
- 3 favours, plants, bulbs, seeds
- 4 likeable, caring, mean, friendly
- 5 digging, gardening, planting, chasing

3 Match the words in the columns then use them to fill in the gaps in the sentences below.

- | | |
|------------------|--------------|
| 1 comical | a gardener |
| 2 old | b away |
| 3 clear | c on |
| 4 keen | d -fashioned |
| 5 drop | e light |
| 6 depends | f litter |

- 1 A: How would you describe yourself?
B: I have a great sense of humour and try to see life in a (n)
- 2 A: Do you get on well with your neighbours?
B: Yes. Except when they in my garden.
- 3 A: How would you describe a typical Englishman?
B: Hmm, let me think. Punctual, polite and perhaps a little
- 4 A: Laura's garden is lovely!
B: Yes, it is. She is a(n)
- 5 A: Can I give you a hand with the housework?
B: Yes, that'd be great. Could you please the plates that are on the table?
- 6 A: What do you usually do at weekends?
B: Well, it the time of year. In the summer I go to the beach with my friends. In the winter I like going to the cinema.

4 Underline the correct word, as in the example.

- 1 Tania is very reserved/thoughtful. She doesn't like expressing her emotions.
- 2 English people have a reputation/politeness for being a little eccentric.
- 3 Stop being such a nosey parker/silly billy and be sensible! You are not a child!
- 4 This painting depicts/produces the Acropolis in Athens.
- 5 I didn't understand the joke. It was too subtle/comical.
- 6 Rachel talks all the time. She is such a chatterbox/scatterbrain.
- 7 Robert is very caring. He looks after/looks for his brother and helps his sister with her homework.
- 8 Leo doesn't take after/take care of his father. He looks like his mother.
- 9 She's as busy as a bee/bird.
- 10 Without my glasses, I'm as blind as a bat/fox.
- 11 As a boss, he's very good with strangers/employees.
- 12 Could you do/make me a favour?
- 13 Remember to keep in feel/touch with us.

5 Circle the correct response.

- 1 A: Could you give Mrs Edwards a call, please?
B: a No, not now.
b Yes, of course.
- 2 A: How often do you clean your room?
B: a I'm sorry, but I can't.
b Twice a week.
- 3 A: Do you think you could wash the car?
B: a I'm afraid I can't. I have to go to the supermarket.
b No, I guess not.
- 4 A: Do you mind switching off the TV? I'm trying to sleep.
B: a I'd like to.
b Sure. No problem.
- 5 A: I'm so sorry for waking you up last night.
B: a Don't worry about it.
b I do apologise.
- 6 A: I'm sorry. I didn't mean to upset you.
B: a All right.
b It doesn't matter. Forget about it.

Word Formation

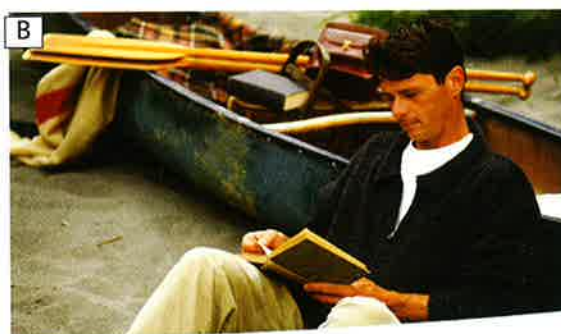
- 6 Complete the gaps with the correct word derived from the words in bold.



Philip works for an international bank in New York. He is a high flier, intelligent, 1) and very talented. However, he can be a little 2) He sometimes thinks that his work is more important than other people's work.

AMBITION

SELF



Richard is an author. He is very 3) and artistic but sometimes he can be a little 4) and 5) He never remembers where his books and notes are and he is always losing things.

CREATE

FORGET CARE

Phrasal verbs

- 7 Replace the phrases in bold with **look after**, **take after**, **run after** in the correct form.

- 1 Mrs Harris **takes care of** my little sister while our parents are at work.
- 2 Susan **resembles** her father.
- 3 The woman **pursued** the robber screaming for help.

Grammar in Use

Present Simple, Present Continuous & Present Perfect

1 Put the verbs in the brackets into *present simple*, *present continuous* or *present perfect*.

- 1 A: What time (we/meet) John and Liz?
B: The performance (start) at 8:00 so we (meet) them at 7:30.
- 2 A: (Ian/come) with us to the restaurant?
B: I (not/think) so. He (not/finish) writing his report yet.
- 3 A: (you/see) Linda?
B: No, I think she (be) still at the library.
- 4 A: How often (you/exercise) at the gym?
B: Three to four times a week.
- 5 A: (Tanya/be) on a diet?
B: No, she just (eat) healthy food and (sleep) a lot.
- 6 A: What time (Laura and Penny/leave)?
B: They (already/leave).
- 7 A: What (you/look) for?
B: I (look) for my key. I (just/lose) it.
- 8 A: What time (the Eurostar train/leave) for Paris?
B: At half past seven.
- 9 A: Where (you/go) on holiday this summer?
B: Italy or Greece. We (not/decide) yet.
- 10 A: Where (Leo/live)?
B: In Kensington, but at the moment he (stay) with friends in Paris.
- 11 A: (you/have) a party on Saturday?
B: Of course I am. I (already/invite) everybody!

- 12 A: (you/be) to the doctor's?
B: Yes, but my temperature (still/go up)!

2 Complete each gap with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

To: _____

Hi Claire,
Just a quick message from England!
I can't believe I **1** (be) here for two weeks already. I **2** (have) such a great time! The university is very impressive and I **3** (feel) so proud to be here.
So far, I **4** (meet) a lot of students from other countries and I **5** (share) a large room with a girl from Hong Kong until she gets a room of her own. The head of our department **6** (plan) an international party for this weekend. I **7** (hope) it's a good one. I **8** (not/be) to a party for ages!
When **9** (you/leave) for Rome?
10 (you/find) a house yet?
Write back soon.
Lots of love,
Claire

Stative verbs

3 Put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or *present continuous*.

- 1 A: Why (you/smell) that egg?
B: Because it (smell) bad. I'll throw it away.
- 2 A: It (feel) great to be on holiday, doesn't it?
B: Yes, I (feel) better already!
- 3 A: Stan (think) he's so great!
B: I know. They say he (think) of going for the boss's job!
- 4 A: Look at Karen. She (have) a great time.
B: Yes, and she certainly (have) a talent for dancing.
- 5 A: Why (you/look) at that child over there?
B: Because he (look) so much like David.
- 6 A: Andy (be) really a good boy, you know.

- B: So why
(he/be) so silly right now?
- 7 A: Why
..... (you/taste) the soup?
- B: Because John says it
..... (taste) like water!

Present Perfect Continuous

- 4 Write a sentence for each situation, as in the example. Use *for* or *since*.

- 1 Maria started working as an engineer fourteen years ago. She is still an engineer.
Maria *has been working as an engineer for fourteen years*.
- 2 He started playing tennis two hours ago. It was 5:00 pm.
He
- 3 It is snowing. It started snowing three hours ago.
It
- 4 A friend tells you that he saw Susan. The last time you saw Susan was in 2001.
I
- 5 Bill and Richard are taking Karate lessons. They started taking lessons in March.
Bill and Richard
- 6 You are waiting for a friend outside the cinema. You arrived there twenty minutes ago.
I
- 7 Tina started going on holiday to Santorini five years ago.
Tina
- 8 Your brother tells you he met David. You last saw David ages ago.
I

- 5 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present tenses.

Dear Bob,

I 1) (write) to tell you about something really wonderful that 2) (happen) to me! You 3) (know) how much I love writing? Well, the school newspaper 4) (ask) me to be their new editor. I can't believe it. I 5) (wait) for a chance like this for ages.

Over the past few days, I 6) (read) past editions of the school paper to get some ideas about what the paper is all about. I 7) (already/write) down lots of notes about what kind of stories I 8) (want) to include. While I 9) (count) down the days before I 10) (attend) the first meeting of the newspaper staff, I must admit that I 11) (become) more and more nervous. I hope everything goes OK.

Well, that's my news. 12) (be/not) you excited for me? I'll let you know what happens.

Bye for now,
Mark

Sentence transformations

- 6 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than three words.



- 1 It's six years since I started learning English.
I English for six years.
- 2 This is the third time we have travelled to New York.
We in New York three times so far.
- 3 Claire hasn't visited London for two years.
Claire London two years ago.
- 4 The last time Helen took a train was in 2004.
Helen a train since 2004.
- 5 We have never been to a more beautiful city.
This is the most beautiful city we to.

Reading

- 1 The people below (1-4) are looking for a house to buy. Decide which house (A-F) would be the most suitable for them. There are two houses you don't need.

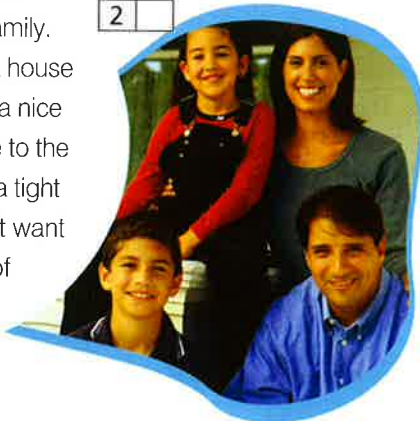
1



Alice and Martin love partying. They are very sociable and they have lots of friends. They are looking for a big house in which they can entertain lots of people and have barbecues in the summer.

The Browns are a quiet and friendly family. They are looking for a house with a big garden in a nice neighbourhood close to the centre. They are on a tight budget so they don't want to spend a lot of money.

2



Sandra and Rupert are high flyers. They have very busy lives and their jobs are stressful and demanding. They like modern architecture and furnishings. Their ideal house would be well-organised and spacious.

3



Stella loves nature. She is energetic and active and she spends a lot of time in the garden. She wants to buy a house in the countryside which she can fill with beautiful flowers. She also loves taking long walks and having picnics.

4



Situated in a quiet traditional village, this charming cottage is ideal for those who love nature. Set in spacious grounds, it is only minutes away from the Merseyside Conservation Park.



Designed by famous Mexican architect, Javier Valladares, this contemporary house is large, minimalistic and practical. It is perfect for those who are always on the go.

This lovely villa is ideal for parties and celebrations. With a large outdoor pool and a big reception room, it is perfect for those who live busy social lives and love entertaining.



This beautiful family home is only two kilometres away from the city centre. Situated in a quiet, safe neighbourhood, it has four bedrooms and a big garden. You won't believe the price!

Close to the centre and in one of the best areas, this large house with its five bedrooms is ideal for families. Not only perfect for inviting friends and family for weekend stays, but also for gardeners looking for peace and quiet.



This wonderful Mediterranean stone house is certainly for those who want to get away from the stress of city centres and demanding work schedules. An hour's flight across the Channel is all you need to reach your own natural paradise and at a very reasonable price.