

CONVERSATION IN TEXT (TRANSCRIPT)

Me: Good morning, Mounir. How are you?

Mounir: Good morning, Mr Baba. I am fine. Thank you. And you?

Me: I am fine, too. Thanks. So Mounir I know that you are a lawyer and your wife, Souad is a high-school teacher. How can you manage to live in a big house if you and your wife both work?

Mounir: I think you are wrong, sir Baba. Actually, we don't live in a big house. We rent an apartment.

Me: Ah! Sorry! Apparently, I got the wrong idea. I thought that you live in a big house.

Mounir: No, we don't. I mean we can afford to live in a big house, but I don't see the reason.

Me: Do you mean that you chose to live in an apartment instead of buying a family house? How is that? Can you explain your point?

Mounir: Sure. First of all, because my wife Souad works almost every day, she wouldn't have time to manage a big house.

Me: Ok. But if that the only reason, I think she can get help. Don't you think?

Mounir: Yes, I do; but this is not the only reason.

Me: Really? What else? Do you worry about safety -maybe-?

Mounir: Yes, exactly. When my wife and I go to work and the children go to school, sometimes we leave for the entire day. A big empty house with no one around is exposed to burglary, but an apartment is much safer in that case.

Me: Ok! I agree with you. It looks like that the apartment suits your situation better. But how about the other common issues of the apartment like problems with the elevator, the parking lot and the noisy neighbors?



Mounir: First of all, we live on the 1st floor so we never use the elevator. Second, the building has a vast (spacious = large) parking lot so there is always a parking space for everyone.

Me: That sounds great!

Mounir: Also, I have some really good neighbors. We get along very well and rarely have problems -let alone- conflicts about anything.

Me: Ok. How about hearing or being heard from the neighbors?

Mounir: That's not a problem where I live. The building walls and roofs are sound-proof, so you can't hear anything no matter how noisy it is.

Me: Ok! That sounds great. Under these conditions you can live in the apartment forever and you will never need to move to a big house.

Mounir: Actually, my brother Ahmed has a different opinion. In fact, he is planning to move to a new house already.

Me: Alright! Thank you for sharing this with me, Mounir. I will talk to him next and see what he is up to. Thank you for your time, Mounir.

Mounir: You are always welcome, sir Baba. We're doing our best to help your students after all. I hope they are doing well.

Me: Sure, they are, Mounir. Thank you so much.

HOMEWORK

Task: Re-read / re-watch the conversation and answer the following questions.

Q01: What does Mounir do for a living?

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Q02: Does his wife, Souad work?

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Q03: What does she do for a living?

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Q04: Do they live in a family house?

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Q05: Why Mounir prefers to live in an apartment instead of a big house? (state 2 reasons)

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Q06: On which floor does he live?

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Q07: Does Mounir get along well with his neighbors →

Q08: Does he have a problem with the parking lot? →

Q09: Can Mounir hear the noise from the neighbors? Why?

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