

# 5B Love your neighbors

## 1 VOCABULARY verb phrases

Complete the text with these verbs in the simple present.

argue shout bark cry talk have  
have play play



My neighbors are very noisy. A young couple with a baby and a dog live upstairs. They aren't happy together, so they <sup>1</sup> shout all the time. Their dog <sup>2</sup> barks when they aren't at home, and their baby <sup>3</sup> cries when they are. An old couple lives downstairs. They can't hear, so they always <sup>4</sup> have the TV on very loud. They <sup>5</sup> talk loudly because the TV is loud, and they <sup>6</sup> argue a lot about which shows to watch. Some students live next door. They all <sup>7</sup> play musical instruments and they aren't very good! Every night, they <sup>8</sup> have noisy parties and <sup>9</sup> play very loud music. I want a new apartment or some new neighbors!

## 2 GRAMMAR present continuous

a Order the words to make sentences.

- 1 sister's / My / exams / for / studying / her.  
My sister's studying for her exams.
- 2 with / staying / week / her / friends / this / are / Sarah's  
Sarah's friends are staying with her this week.
- 3 tonight / party / We / a / aren't / having  
We aren't having a party tonight.
- 4 I'm / cup / coffee / drinking / a / the / of / kitchen / in  
I'm drinking a cup of coffee in the kitchen.
- 5 for / looking / job / is / a / Marco / Why  
Why is Marco looking for a job?
- 6 because / aren't / They / jogging / today / cold / it's / too  
They aren't jogging because it's too cold today.
- 7 computer / Are / using / you / the  
Are you using the computer?
- 8 soccer / Is / park / Adam / playing / in / the  
Is Adam playing soccer in the park?

b Complete the dialogue.

- A What <sup>1</sup> are you doing, (you / do) Andy?  
B <sup>2</sup> I'm making (I / make) the coffee. Why?  
A I can hear a noise. It's people's voices.  
B I know. That's the couple upstairs.  
A <sup>3</sup> Are they arguing (they / argue)?  
B No, <sup>4</sup> they're not shouting (they / not shout). It's the TV. They're very old, so they can't hear it. <sup>5</sup> they're watching (they / watch) a movie.  
A Oh. What's that music? Is it a party?  
B It's the boy next door. <sup>6</sup> He's not having (he / not have) a party!  
<sup>7</sup> He's listening (he / listen) to music. He likes heavy metal.  
A Your apartment is very noisy, Andy.  
B I know. <sup>8</sup> I'm looking for (I / look for) a new one!

c Look at the picture on page 33. What are the people doing? Complete 1–9 with a verb or verb phrase in the present continuous.

- 1 The woman 's talking on her cell phone.
- 2 The couple 's arguing
- 3 The children are playing soccer
- 4 The woman 's listening to music
- 5 The baby 's crying
- 6 The dog 's barking
- 7 The boy 's playing the guitar
- 8 The girl 's singing



### 3 PRONUNCIATION /ɪ/

a **Checker** Listen and repeat the words.



arguing barking crying having  
playing shouting studying talking

b **Circle** the word with /ɪ/ in each pair.

1 <b>sing</b>	dance
2 <b>pink</b>	brown
3 thin	<b>long</b>
4 aunt	<b>uncle</b>
5 <b>drink</b>	find
6 France	<b>England</b>
7 <b>young</b>	blond
8 <b>think</b>	want

c **Checker** Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.

### 4 LISTENING

**Checker** Listen to four speakers talking about problems with their neighbors. Match the speakers to the problems. There are two problems you don't need to use.

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|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Speaker 1 <b>B</b> | A They argue a lot.              |
| Speaker 2 <b>C</b> | B Their dogs bark.               |
| Speaker 3 <b>F</b> | C They have noisy parties.       |
| Speaker 4 <b>E</b> | D They have the TV on very loud. |
|                    | E Their baby cries.              |
|                    | F They play musical instruments. |

### USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

furniture /'fɜːnɪtʃə/  
neighbors /'neɪbəz/  
noise /naɪz/  
noisy /'noɪzi/  
strict /strikt/  
upstairs (opposite downstairs) /ʌp'steɪəz/  
now /naʊ/  
complain /kəm'pleɪn/  
apartment building /ə'pɑːtmənt bɪldɪŋ/  
washing machine /'wɒʃɪŋ məʃɪn/