



New Neighbors

Conversation > Intermediate 5



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

neighbor	A person living next door to or very near you.
[noun]	<i>Ex: My neighbor is a great man!</i>

suppose	To think that something is true.
[verb]	<i>Ex: We supposed that the tickets to the concert would be very expensive.</i>

in terms of	Used to explain which part of a problem or a situation you are talking about.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Tokyo is not a good place to live in, in terms of land prices.</i>

accent	The way a person pronounces words that shows which country or area they come from.
[noun]	<i>Ex: He went to school in England, so he speaks with a British accent.</i>

dialect	A form of language that people speak in one part of a country.
[noun]	<i>Ex: It's really difficult to understand some dialects.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Nate: I'm so excited to meet our new neighbors.

Lisa: New neighbors?

Nate: Yes, new neighbors! The new neighbors moved in.

Lisa: I didn't hear about that. Tell me more.

Nate: I heard they came from Scotland.

Lisa: So they are Scottish. I see.



Nate: Yeah. I'm so excited to meet them and hear them speak Scottish English.

Lisa: Yeah, it does sound interesting.

Nate: I suppose our American English will sound funny to them in terms of the accent and pronunciation.

Lisa: Oh, really? Why?

Nate: You know, because our dialect is very different from theirs.

Lisa: I'm not sure if there are that many differences. Let's go over and say "hi" to our new neighbors.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

dialect
accent
suppose
in terms of
neighbors

1. Can you understand his _____? He's from the south.
2. Replacing the printers is difficult to justify _____ cost.
3. He has a French _____ because he lived in France.
4. I _____ this is the best plan for all of us.
5. Did you meet our new _____?



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: There's a new neighbor who just moved in next to you, introduce yourself and get to know your new neighbor. The teacher can be the neighbor.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Have you ever helped a neighbor? If so, what did you do?
2. Do you ever visit your neighbors? Why? Why not?
3. Have you ever had any problematic neighbors? Please share your experience.
4. Would you like to have foreign neighbors? Why? Why not?
5. Do you think having a foreign neighbor could help you improve your English? Why do you think so?