

NOISY NEIGHBORS

AudioScript

B

Listen to the conversations. Check the people's complaints.

1.

Mrs. Rivera: Hi, Mrs. Lang. It's Mrs. Rivera – your neighbor from the apartment downstairs.

Mrs. Lang: Oh, hello.

Mrs. Rivera: I'm sorry to complain, but I wonder if you could ask your kids to make a little less noise.

Mrs. Lang: Oh, sorry. I didn't realize. Is it their music? I know they love loud music. I'll ask them to turn it down.

Mrs. Rivera: No, it's not their music. It's their feet. They seem to jump around a lot, and I keep hearing this strange sound. It's kind of a . . . thumping noise.

Mrs. Lang: Oh, sorry. I know what that is. It's my daughter, Celine. She's just started ballet lessons, and I guess she's practicing.

Mrs. Rivera: Oh. I see. Well, maybe if she practiced in the afternoon instead of so early in the morning. . . .

Mrs. Lang: OK. I'll ask her to do that. I'm so sorry she disturbed you.

2.

Mr. Green: Excuse me, Mr. Roberti. Can I talk to you for a moment? I'm Mr. Green. I moved into the house next door.

Mr. Roberti: Oh, yes. Hello.

Mr. Green: I wondered if I could ask a favor.

Mr. Roberti: Why, certainly. Is it our dog? I hope he hasn't been chasing your cat.

Mr. Green: No, it's not that. It's your son's friends, I think.

Mr. Roberti: Really? I know Mike's friends visit him a lot. He's in a band, and they always come here to practice. Is it the noise?

Mr. Green: No, it's not that. The thing is, sometimes when they visit, they park in front of my driveway, and I can't get my car out. Please ask them not to park there, or I'll have to get them towed away.

Mr. Roberti: I understand. I'll tell them to use the parking lot down the street. I guess they're just too lazy to walk here from the parking lot. That's teenagers for you!

C

Listen again. How do the people solve the problems? Complete the sentences.

Answers

A

Answers will vary. Some possible answers:

The music is too loud.

It's noisy.

Someone is vacuuming, and I can hear it in my apartment.

The TV is very loud.

It sounds like someone is jumping. / Someone is making noise with his/her feet.

B

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C

1. practice in the afternoon/not practice in the morning

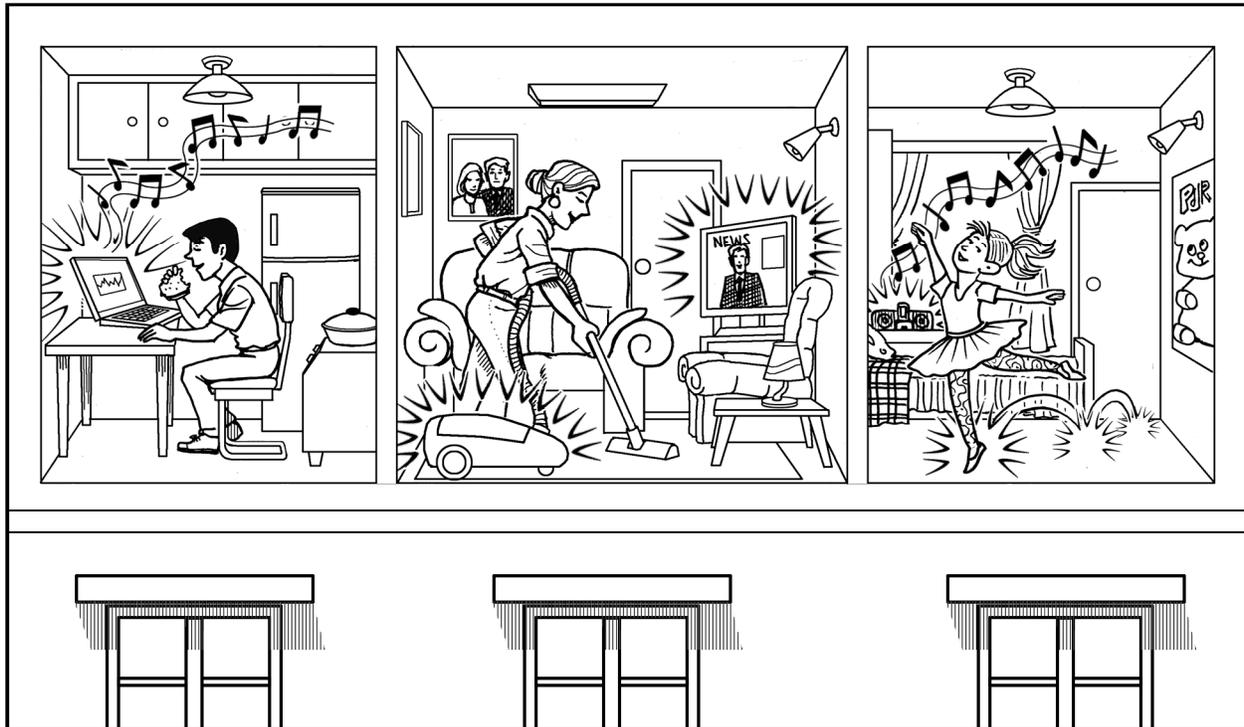
2. use the parking lot down the street

D

Answers will vary.

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A PAIR WORK Imagine you live below this family. Make a list of possible complaints.



B Listen to the conversations. Check (✓) the people's complaints.

1. Mrs. Rivera is complaining about

- a. loud music.
- b. strange sounds.
- c. loud voices.

2. Mr. Green is complaining because

- a. Mr. Roberti's dog chases his cat.
- b. Mike Roberti's friends park in front of Mr. Green's driveway.
- c. Mike Roberti's band makes too much noise.

C Listen again. How do the people solve the problems? Complete the sentences.

1. Mrs. Lang will tell her daughter to _____.

2. Mr. Roberti will tell his son's friends to _____.

D PAIR WORK Role-play a conversation. Use the possible complaints from part A. Take turns complaining and apologizing.