

Talking to a Neighbor about a Noise Complaint

CEFR B1 Roleplay



1. Warm-up Discussion

1. Have you ever had a problem with noise in your neighborhood or apartment building?
2. What kinds of noises do you find most disturbing (e.g., loud music, barking dogs, parties)?
3. How do you usually handle a situation when someone is making too much noise?
4. Why is it important to communicate politely when discussing a noise complaint with a neighbor?
5. What phrases could you use to express your concerns without sounding rude?
6. How would you react if a neighbor came to you with a noise complaint?

2. Example Conversation: Talking to a Neighbor about a Noise Complaint

Student A (Neighbor 1):Hi, do you have a minute to talk? I wanted to discuss something with you.

Student B (Neighbor 2):Sure, what's up?

Student A:Well, I've noticed that there's been a lot of noise coming from your apartment lately, especially at night. It's been hard for me to sleep.

Student B:Oh, I'm really sorry about that. I didn't realize it was so loud. What kind of noise are you hearing?

Student A:Mostly loud music and sometimes people talking really loudly. It usually starts around 10 p.m.

Student B:I see. I've been having some friends over, and we might have gotten a bit too loud. I'll make sure to keep it down.

Student A:I appreciate that. I don't mind the noise during the day, but at night, it's been affecting my sleep.

Student B:I completely understand. I'll make sure to lower the volume, especially after 9 p.m. Is that okay with you?

Student A:That would be great, thank you. I didn't want to cause any trouble, just needed to bring it to your attention.

Student B:No trouble at all. I'm glad you told me. I'll be more careful from now on.

Student A:Thanks for understanding. If the noise continues, I'll let you know, but I'm sure we can sort it out.

Student B:Of course! Feel free to knock on my door if you have any other concerns.

Student A:Will do. Thanks again, and have a good evening!

Student B:You too! Take care.

3. Background

You've been having trouble sleeping because your neighbor has been making a lot of noise at night. You decide to talk to them politely and express your concerns, hoping they will understand and keep the noise level down. The conversation takes place at your neighbor's door.

4. Instructions

Student A (Neighbor 1):

You are having trouble sleeping because your neighbor is making too much noise at night. Go to your neighbor's apartment, explain the situation politely, and ask them to keep the noise down. Be sure to express your concerns without sounding confrontational.

Student B (Neighbor 2):

Your neighbor comes to talk to you about the noise coming from your apartment. Listen to their concerns, apologize for the disturbance, and offer a solution to keep the noise level down. Be understanding and cooperative.

5. Vocabulary List

noise, complaint, loud, disturb, sleep, apologize, realize, affect, volume, understand, politely, concern, solution, careful, appreciate, trouble, sort out, knock, neighbor, conversation.