

Meeting the New Neighbour

1 Warm-up Work with a partner.

- Do you often talk to your neighbours?



2 Vocabulary #1

Match the two halves of the expressions.

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| 1. it's nice to | be great |
| 2. settle in | for a drink |
| 3. unpack | meet you |
| 4. come over | ok |
| 5. that would | a box |

3 Conversation

Scene: Claire has just moved house. Barbara, her neighbour, knocks on her door.

(Knock Knock)

Claire Hello?

Barbara Oh good morning! I'm Barbara - your neighbour!

Claire Oh hi! It's nice to meet you.

Barbara Are you ¹..... ok?

Claire Yeah - though I still have a million boxes to unpack!

Barbara ²..... you'd like to ³..... for a drink ⁴..... You could meet my husband, Tom.

Claire ⁵..... - thanks.

Barbara Would this Saturday evening - at about 7:30 be ok?

Claire 7:30? Sure - that would be fine.

Barbara Great! I'll ⁶..... ⁷..... the unpacking!

Claire Thanks! See you on Saturday. Bye!

that would be great sometime soon I was wondering if

come over settling in good luck with I'll see you then

4 Language Work

Look at these expressions.
Copy them into the correct space below.

**Would tomorrow morning be ok?
Thank you very much!
So, I'll see you tomorrow, then.
I'd love to, but I'm too busy.
Do you have time to come over for a drink this weekend?**

Inviting someone round

- I was wondering if you'd like to join us for dinner sometime?
- Would you like to come to a barbecue this weekend?
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Making suggestions

- How about tomorrow evening?
- Is 6pm ok?
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Accepting the offer

- Sure
- Yes - that would be great!
- I'd love that, thanks!
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Declining an invitation

- I'm afraid I can't.
- Sorry – I have something else on.
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Confirming / Finishing

- Great – I'll see you then!
- Good! I'm looking forward to it!
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5 Role-Play

Practise introducing yourself to a new neighbour.

Invite your neighbour around to a drink / lunch / coffee. Try to use the expressions above.

6 Discussion Work with a partner.

- What do you know about your neighbours?
- Do people in your country usually talk to their neighbours?
- Have you ever been inside your neighbours' house?
- What problems do people sometimes have with neighbours?

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Teaching Notes

Target Structure:	The language of introductions
Vocabulary:	General
Level:	Lower-Intermediate
Time:	45 minutes
Preparation:	None

Suggested Teaching Method

This worksheet looks at common expressions related to introducing yourself and inviting someone to your house.

- 1 Assign pairs and give out one worksheet to each student. Students can discuss the opening question. Elicit some feedback. Don't spend too long here, as there are discussion questions at the end of the worksheet.
- 2 Students can work in pairs matching the two halves of the collocations. Go through the answers with the group.
- 3 Direct your students' attention to the expressions below the conversation. Students can work alone, writing the expressions in the correct spaces in the conversation. When finished, they can check in pairs. Go through the answers and have students practice in pairs, switching roles once.
- 4 Students can work in pairs. Go through the answers with the group.
- 5 Demonstrate with a confident student. Role-plays don't all have to be about drinks. You could invite your neighbour to dinner, tea/coffee, a barbecue, a dinner party or something similar.

Depending on your students' confidence, you may want to let them use the original conversation as a model. As they become more confident, have them change partners regularly and use various expressions from exercise four.
- 6 Leave plenty of time for class discussion. To maximise student talking time, it's best to put students in pairs, or small groups. Students should read all the questions first, before beginning the discussion.

While the students are speaking, monitor the conversations, but try not to interrupt. When the discussion comes to a close, ask a few of the questions yourself, and go through any points of English you made a note of while monitoring.

The answer key is on the next page.

Answer Key

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| 2. settle in | ok |
| 3. unpack | a box |
| 4. come over | for a drink |
| 5. that would | be great |

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(Knock Knock)

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| Claire | Hello? |
| Barbara | Oh good morning! I'm Barbara - your neighbour! |
| Claire | Oh hi! It's nice to meet you. |
| Barbara | Are you ¹ settling in ok? |
| Claire | Yeah - though I still have a million boxes to unpack! |
| Barbara | ² I was wondering if you'd like to ³ come over for a drink ⁴ sometime soon . You could meet my husband, Tom. |
| Claire | ⁵ That would be great - thanks. |
| Barbara | Would this Saturday evening - at about 7:30 be ok? |
| Claire | 7:30? Sure - that would be fine. |
| Barbara | Great! I'll ⁶ see you then . ⁷ Good luck with the unpacking! |
| Claire | Thanks! See you on Saturday. Bye! |

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- Inviting someone round:** Do you have time to come over for a drink this weekend?
Making suggestions: Would tomorrow morning be ok?
Accepting the offer: Thank you very much!
Declining an invitation: I'd love to, but I'm too busy.
Confirming / Finishing: So, I'll see you tomorrow, then.

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