

Talking to neighbours

Some questions

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word 'neighbour'?
2. What were your neighbours like in Hong Kong?
3. Are you neighbourly?
4. What kind of neighbours don't you like?
5. Do you have good neighbours?
6. Do you have nosy neighbours?
7. Do you have any terrible neighbour-stories?
8. "Love your neighbour as yourself." Do you believe this?
9. Do high fences make good neighbours?
10. What are the biggest problems between neighbours?
11. Who would you love to move next door to you?
12. Have you ever argued with your neighbours?
13. What would you do if you had really noisy neighbours?
14. Would you like to have your parents or parents-in-law as neighbours?
15. Would you like your current neighbours to move?
16. Have you ever had a "dog problem" with neighbours?
17. What would you really like to know about your neighbours?

Some suggestions

1. When you see them say: "Hello"!
2. If it's the first time say: "Nice to meet you"
3. If you've said "Hello" on a previous occasion, add "How's it going?"
4. If you found out something about them last time, ask a connected question this time.
5. Wave, when you see them at a distance.
6. Remember – weather is almost always a safe topic!
7. Make an "I am interested ... " question about their garden / car.
8. If they have children, ask the parents about which school they go to / what activities they like ...