

TeachingEnglish lesson

Get to know the neighbours

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Look at the picture and discuss:

- Which country do you think these doors are in?
- Do you have similar doors in the city you live in?
- Which of the houses would you most like to live in, and why?



Discussion time



Your teacher will put you in break-out rooms. Follow the instructions and discuss the following questions:

- Where is the house? In a city, a town or a village?
- How big is the house? How many rooms does it have? Does it have a garden?
- Who lives in the house? A family, a couple, a young person, an old person?

Make notes as you discuss to report back to the class



Describing people

Think of adjectives you use while describing people. For example...

- Friendly
- Helpful

- Share your ideas with the class!



Describing people

Look at the adjectives given below. Note each adjective on a separate sheet of paper.

Can you also guess their meanings? (don't shout them out!).

- confident
- funny
- generous
- kind
- reliable
- serious
- shy
- sociable

A person

| | Adjective |
|---|------------------|
| a | confident |
| b | funny |
| c | generous |
| d | kind |
| e | reliable |
| f | serious |
| g | shy |
| h | sociable |

| | Meaning |
|---|--|
| 1 | is nervous or embarrassed about talking to other people. |
| 2 | is careful, sensible and not silly. |
| 3 | enjoys spending time with other people. |
| 4 | cares about other people. |
| 5 | feels sure about their ability to do things. |
| 6 | likes to give people things. |
| 7 | is good at making you laugh. |
| 8 | can be trusted to do something well. |

Describing people

Answers

A person who feels sure about their ability to do things

confident

A person who is good at making you laugh

funny

A person who likes to give people things

generous

A person who cares about other people

kind

A person who can be trusted to do something well

reliable

A person who is careful, sensible and not silly

serious

A person who is nervous or embarrassed about talking to other people

shy

A person who enjoys spending time with other people

sociable

Role play prep time!

Break-out rooms

- Your teacher will put you in break-out rooms
- **Exercise 1:** Tell your group which adjectives you would use to describe yourself and members of your family.

Exercise 2: Copy the table below on a piece of paper. Work with your group to complete the table for each person who lives in the house your group chose.

| | Name | Male/female | Age | Job/school | Personality |
|---|------|-------------|-----|------------|-------------|
| 1 | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | |

Small talks

Discuss with the whole class:

- What do you think 'small talk' means?
- Where are we likely to have small talks- in a formal situation or casual?
- Who are we likely to have small talks with- our friends or people we don't know very well?



Small talk

Which of these questions do you think are okay to ask someone you don't know very well?

Discuss with the whole class.

- What do you do for a living? (A polite way of saying 'what is your job?')
- How much do you earn?
- How old are you?
- Do you have any children?
- Have you lived/worked here long?
- Do you have any hobbies?
- What are your politics?
- Are you going on holiday this year?



Party time!

You are going to a party with your neighbours

- Your teacher will put you into break-out rooms.
- Imagine you are one of the people who lives in the house you chose!
- Try to have small talk with at least 4 of your neighbours and find out some information about them.
- Will you ask questions which are too personal?

