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Nancy and her neighbours

Jackie: For this week's podcastsinenglish.com we're talking about neighbours, the people who live next door. With me is Nancy, hello Nancy...

Nancy: Hi, Jackie.

Jackie: ...because Nancy has both nice and nasty neighbours!

Nancy: Yes, that's true!

Jackie: So, tell me first of all Nancy about your nice neighbours.

Nancy: Well, I live at number 63 and my nice neighbours live at number 61. They're a big family, there are five children and a grandmother.

Jackie: Oh and a mother and father too.

Nancy: Yes, and... and the parents too.

Jackie: So, so why are they nice neighbours?

Nancy: Well, they're very friendly. Um... when they see me in the garden they always say hello and ask me to come over for a cup of tea.

Jackie: Right

Nancy: Sometimes the grandmother gives me food...

Jackie: Really?

Nancy: Yes, yes she loves cooking. If she does a lot of cooking and there's some food left over she gives it to me.

Jackie: Wow, that's very kind of her especially with five grandchildren. But um... do you have any problems with the children, I mean five children, don't they make a lot of noise?

Nancy: Sometimes they're noisy, at the weekend, but not very often. I'm lucky because there's a park nearby and usually the children play there.

Jackie: So, what about the nasty neighbours?

Nancy: The nasty neighbours live at number 65. They're a young, professional couple. I think he works for a bank and she works for an advertising company or something like that.

Jackie: So what's the problem with them?

Nancy: Well, they're very rude. They don't say hello and chat like the other neighbours. One day I had a birthday party. I invited lots of friends and both my neighbours too. All the family at number 61 came and the grandmother made me a wonderful cake.

Jackie: Oh, that's nice.

Nancy: Yes, but the couple at number 65 didn't come. And then they complained about the noise! They said the music was too loud.

Jackie: Oh dear.

Nancy: I think they work too hard and don't relax. They leave the house early in the morning and get back home very late in the evening. The next day, the morning after the birthday party, I went to visit them. I took a big slice of the birthday cake for them...

Jackie: Oh, that was a good idea!

Nancy: No, it wasn't. They were still in bed sleeping, and they were very angry because I woke them up! And the woman, I don't know her name, she said 'We don't eat cake, we only eat healthy food!'

Jackie: Oh, that is rude!

Nancy: Yes, I said they were nasty!

Jackie: Oh, well thanks Nancy.

Nancy: You're welcome.