2 Listening

A Listen and answer the questions.

1. Who are the speakers?
2. What are they talking about?

B Listen again. Put a check (✓) next to Ana’s problems.

1. ✓ been busy
2. □ children sick
3. □ washing machine broken
4. □ car alarm broken
5. □ smoke alarm needs battery
6. □ neighbors are noisy

Listen again. Check your answers.

C Read. Complete the story. Listen and check your answers.

appreciates come over favor noisy
borrow complain noise owe

Ana and Maria are neighbors. Ana calls Maria because she needs a favor. The smoke alarm in Ana’s kitchen is beeping. She needs to change the battery, but the ceiling in her kitchen is too high. Ana asks to Maria’s ladder.

Maria says her husband, Daniel, will with a ladder and help Ana. Ana says, “I you one.” This means she Maria and Daniel’s help, and she will do a favor for them in the future.

Next, Maria tells Ana about their neighbors. The neighbors had a party on Saturday night. Because of the stress, Maria and Daniel couldn’t sleep. Ana tells Maria that she should to the apartment manager.

D Talk with a partner. Ask and answer the questions.

1. Have you ever borrowed something from a neighbor? What did you borrow?
2. Have you ever lent something to a neighbor? What did you lend?
Lesson B  Because and because of

1 Grammar focus: clauses and phrases

because + subject + verb
Ana can’t reach the smoke alarm because the ceiling is too high.
Because the ceiling is too high, Ana can’t reach the smoke alarm.

because of + noun phrase
Ana can’t reach the smoke alarm because of the high ceiling.
Because of the high ceiling, Ana can’t reach the smoke alarm.

For a grammar explanation, turn to page 152.

2 Practice

A Write. Complete the sentences. Use because or because of.

A Nice Surprise
Lei wanted to bake a cake because it was her neighbor Margy’s birthday. Lei needed to go to the store because she didn’t have any flour. However, her car had a flat tire. Because of this problem, she couldn’t drive to the store. She couldn’t walk to the store because the distance. It was more than a mile away. Lei had a clever idea. She went to Margy and asked to borrow a cup of flour. Margy was happy to help because she had a lot of flour and she was a good neighbor. Two hours later, Lei returned to Margy’s house with a beautiful cake. When Margy opened the door, Lei shouted, “Happy birthday!” Margy was very surprised and happy. The nice surprise, Margy had a wonderful birthday!

Listen and check your answers.
**Talk** with a partner. Ask and answer questions about the problems.

**A** Why couldn’t you sleep last night?
**B** Because of my noisy neighbors.

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<td>4. You couldn’t change the alarm.</td>
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<td>5. The children couldn’t play outside.</td>
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<td>6. You couldn’t come to school.</td>
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**Write** a sentence about each problem.

I couldn’t sleep last night because of my noisy neighbors.

**Communicate**

**A** Work in a small group. Ask and answer questions. Complete the chart.

**A** Why did you come to this country, Shakir?
**B** Because of my children.
**A** Why do you live in this neighborhood?
**B** Because it’s close to my job.

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**B** Share information about your classmates.