

2 Listening

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A Listen and answer the questions.

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

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

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> been busy | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> car alarm broken |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> children sick | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> smoke alarm needs battery |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> washing machine broken | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> neighbors are noisy |

Listen again. Check your answers.

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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 favor₁. 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 ₂ Maria's ladder.

Maria says her husband, Daniel, will ₃ with a ladder and help Ana. Ana says, "I ₄ you one." This means she ₅ Maria and Daniel's help, and she will do a favor for them in the future.

Next, Maria tells Ana about their ₆ neighbors. The neighbors had a party on Saturday night. Because of the ₇, Maria and Daniel couldn't sleep. Ana tells Maria that she should ₈ to the apartment manager.

Useful language

When you *lend* something to someone, you give it.

When you *borrow* something from someone, you receive it.

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?

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*.

Useful language

When you read aloud, pause when you see a comma.

Because of the high ceiling, (pause)

Ana can't reach the smoke alarm.



A Nice Surprise

Lei wanted to bake a cake because₁ it was her neighbor Margy's birthday. Lei needed to go to the store _____₂ she didn't have any flour. However, her car had a flat tire. _____₃ this problem, she couldn't drive to the store. She couldn't walk to the store _____₄ 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 _____₅ 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. _____₆ the nice surprise, Margy had a wonderful birthday!

Listen and check your answers.

B 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.

Problem	Reason
1. You couldn't sleep last night.	noisy neighbors
2. You couldn't make a cake.	didn't have any eggs
3. The neighbors couldn't lock the door.	lock was broken
4. You couldn't change the alarm.	didn't have a ladder
5. The children couldn't play outside.	the rain
6. You couldn't come to school.	car had a flat tire



Write a sentence about each problem.

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

3 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.

Name	Why did you come to this country?	Why do you live in this neighborhood?
Shakir	<i>his children live here</i>	<i>close to his job</i>

B Share information about your classmates.