

# Lesson 01: Welcome to the neighborhood

### Warm-up questions:

How would you describe your current neighborhood? What neighborhood did you grow up in? Do you know your neighbors?

# **Expressions(Introducing yourself):**

Hello, my name is...., it's nice to meet you. Hi, I just moved here. It's nice to meet you. Hello, I haven't seen you here before. You must be new here. I'm...

## **Describing a place:**

**Vocabulary:** Neighborhood (atmosphere)

Busy Loud Quiet Calm Convenient Modern Old Clean Dirty Peaceful

**Vocabulary:** Neighborhood (places)

School Police department Fire department Hospital Cafe Restaurants Park Playground Bars/Clubs Shopping center Library PC room Dentist office Medical clinic Museums Bakery

### **Expressions to describe a place:**

My neighborhood **has** many restaurants. / a big park. / a traditional market. My neighborhood **is** busy/loud/calm/clean.

There is a park. / a hospital. / a bakery.

**There are** many cafes. / two schools. / many playgrounds.

I can (do) something in my neighborhood.

I can exercise at the park.

I can meet friends and eat delicious food in my neighborhood, because there are many good restaurants.

It is famous for (something).

Hawaii is famous for (the beautiful beaches).

Las Vegas is famous for (gambling/casinos/amazing shows).

#### **Discussion:**

- 1. What is the best thing about your neighborhood?
- 2. Describe a memorable city you have visited.
- 3. Describe your favorite cafe/restaurant?
- 4. Where in your city do you like to enjoy the nightlife?
- 5. Where did you go on your last trip?
- 6. Where do you want to go in the future?
- 7. Have you met any of your neighbors? How did you meet?
- 8. When someone moves into a neighborhood, should they introduce themselves to their new neighbors? Why?
- 9. Do you ever help your neighbors? Do they ever help you? How?
- 10. Was there a greater 'sense of community' between neighbors in the past? If so, what has changed?
- 11. Have you ever had a problematic neighbor? How were they annoying?
- 12. How is the transportation system where you live? Is it reliable? Affordable?
- 13. How are house prices changing in your area? Are they rising? Are they falling? Why?
- 14. Are there any neighborhoods in your city that are considered dangerous? Would you go to those places?
- 15. Some people say moving house is one of the most stressful experiences a person can have. Do you agree?