

'Not many Hong Kong families are friendly with their neighbours.' Do you agree?

I agree that not many HK families are friendly with their neighbours. Sometimes, I wish that I could live with my family without having neighbours.

Just imagine how noisy it always is when you are working on your studies or watching TV but you keep being disturbed by the irritating noises (husband and wife quarrelling, banging of things against the wall or the door; hard objects being thrown against the ground, etc.) coming from your neighbours . I always find this intolerable. My family has complained about such noise nuisances many times, but they still make the same irritating noise. The noise sometimes may be even louder than before, as if to give a gesture of disapproval or challenge.

Once when it was noon, my upstairs family was heard fighting. They threw things so hard that an ear-splitting noise was produced amidst a heated argument. We could not ignore that sound any more, so we called the police. We finally lived in silence for a short while.

In my opinion, my neighbours hate each other because of their impolite and unfriendly attitude.

We have no communication when we meet. Usually, I will say "hi" to them when I see them but they dismiss me. Moreover, they don't want to stay in the elevator with me. I feel upset and sad about it.

I have heard some news about neighbours' quarrels and argument. They always quarrel over simple or trivial things. For example, over what has made their children start to cry. They chat and play mahjong so loudly that they almost drive people crazy, or their children are naughty and this leads to a lot of noise nuisance.

No one can accept noise at night. But many neighbours keep affecting people . In my view, they should be more friendly. Despite all that, I still believe that there must be some good neighbours in HK.

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