

Choose parts and read these conversations, one section at a time. Read the conversation twice so that four people will have a chance to read. That also helps your understanding. Underline all the words or phrases you don't understand. Discuss with your group. Make sure that everyone understands before moving to the next section.

Sally and Tina (opening the door): Welcome, Greg. Come on in. Join the party!

Greg: Wow. There are tons of people here. And you have a DJ. You guys spared no expense!

Sally: It took me six years to finally graduate from college. I'm going to celebrate in style.

Tina: Sally, Mr. Estes from downstairs is on the phone. He says the music is too loud. He's trying to sleep. He wants us to end the party.

Sally: End the party? Forget it. It's just after midnight. Tell the DJ to turn down the volume.

Tina: I did, but our friends keep telling him to turn it back up. And Jesse just threw his beer off the balcony. It landed on Mrs. Hoover's patio and spilled beer everywhere.

Sally: We'll clean that up tomorrow. Don't worry. Everything will be fine. I'm sure our neighbors will understand I'm entitled to celebrate my graduation. It only happens once in my life.

The next day:

Sally: Tina, wake up. Someone is banging on our door. Who could it be at 7 AM. Who gets up that early!

Tina: Ohhhh. You go to the door. My head is killing me.

Sally: Oh, hello Mr. Estes.

Mr. Estes: Sally, you and Tina had a big party last night that kept everyone in the building awake until 3 AM. In addition, your friends left trash all over the hallway and empty beer cans in the parking lot. Mrs. Hoover's plant was broken when someone threw a beer onto her patio. She says the beer has dried into a sticky mess and she wants you to come down and clean it up.

Sally: Oh, sorry Mr. Estes. You see, I just graduated from college yesterday and we threw a big party to celebrate. You should have come up to the party.

Mr. Estes: I'm a little old to party with twenty somethings. All of us tenants have gotten together. We've decided to have a meeting this afternoon to set some rules for parties. We'd like you and Tina to be there.

Sally: OK, sure. See you there.

That afternoon:

Mr. Estes: We called this meeting to discuss last night's party and to make some rules for future parties. I do appreciate Sally and Tina cleaning up the hallways and parking lot. It looks much better now.

Mrs. Hoover: I'd like to say that I am really angry about that party. My favorite plant was broken and my patio is still a sticky mess.

Tina: Sally and I will go down right after this meeting to clean that up. And we'll buy you a new plant. We're sorry it got broken.

Mr. Estes: That's nice that you'll replace the plant and clean up, but I think all of us want to avoid problems in the future. I propose that all parties of over 8 people must be held in the recreation room.

Mrs. Hoover: Yes, and no party should be allowed to go past 1 AM. I think that's reasonable.

Mr. Estes: I believe we should ban loud music as well. Many of us have small children who go to bed early. Your music woke up my little girl and we had a hard time getting her back to bed. All in favor of the new rules, raise your hand.

Sally: We didn't realize how much our party disturbed everyone. From now on we will use the recreation room and we won't use a big sound system.

Tina: Just to make up for disturbing everyone, Sally and I would like to invite everyone to our apartment for some homemade ice cream. Please come tonight around 7PM to our "forgive us" party.

Questions:

1. Who gave the party?
2. What was the reason for the party?
3. List the complaints of the tenants:
4. What rules were proposed for future parties? Do you think these rules are reasonable?
5. What did Tina and Sally do to "make up" for the party?
6. Have you ever had a party that got "out of control"?
7. Does your apartment have rules about parties?
8. Do you think the tenants should have called the police during the party?
9. What could Tina and Sally have done to avoid these problems?
10. Do you sympathize most with Sally and Tina or with Mr. Estes and Mrs. Hoover.

Match the word with the correct definition.

ban	rejoice
recreation	pardon
disturb	suggest a plan
propose	a continuing loud noise
celebrate	relaxing or fun activities
forgive	prohibit
banging	bother