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Guests and neighbours

Lesson 7 · hospitality

📖 **The story: Guests and neighbours**
Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – Unexpected visit

Saturday evening. Lina is about to watch a film when the doorbell rings. Aunt Naima and her four children are at the door. “We were in the area,” says her aunt. Lina sighs quietly. Her mother says at once: “Welcome, come in!” She makes tea and puts biscuits on the table. Lina has to share her room with two little cousins.

☆ **You welcome a guest with a smile.**

guest = someone who comes to visit · **unexpected** = without you knowing

Part 2 – Honouring a guest

Later Lina asks: “Mum, weren’t you tired?” Her mother nods. “But the Prophet said: whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should honour his guest. And also: whoever believes does no harm to his neighbour.” She tells her about Ibrahim, who at once prepared a roasted calf for unknown guests. “A guest brings baraka,” says her mother. “And you never know when you will need someone.”

☆ **Whoever believes honours his guest and does no harm to his neighbour.**

honour = treat with respect and care · **neighbour** = someone who lives next to you

Part 3 – The new neighbour

A week later an older lady moves in next door, Mrs Claes. She knows nobody. Lina remembers what her mother said. Together they bake msemmen and bring a plate. Mrs Claes has tears in her eyes. “I’ve never had such a welcome.” Now she greets Lina every morning from her window.

☆ **Being good to your neighbours is part of your faith.**

move = go to live in another house · **msemmen** = Moroccan pancake

💬 **Let’s talk:** How would you welcome a new pupil in your class?

💡 Did you know? – Hospitality

- The Prophet said: Jibril kept advising me to be good to neighbours, until I thought they would inherit.
- A guest has the right to three days of hospitality.
- A neighbour is every neighbour, Muslim or not.

📖 **Hadith**

Al-Bukhari and Muslim

مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيُكْرِمْ ضَيْفَهُ

Man kaana yu’minu bi-llaahi wa l-yawmi l-aakhiri fal-yukrim dayfah.

“Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should honour his guest.”

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Lesson 7 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. Who comes to visit unexpectedly?

- ◯ Aunt Naima
- ◯ Uncle Karim

2. What does her mother put out?

- ◯ tea and biscuits
- ◯ pizza

3. What should a believer do with his guest?

- ◯ honour him
- ◯ send him away

4. What did Ibrahim prepare for his guests?

- ◯ a roasted calf
- ◯ a cake

5. Who moves in next to Lina?

- ◯ a student
- ◯ Mrs Claes

6. What do Lina and her mother bring?

- ◯ flowers
- ◯ msemmen

☆ **Remember this:** Honour your guest and be good to your neighbours.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. How can you make a guest feel welcome?

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2. What can you do for a neighbour who lives alone?

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Puzzles

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🔤 Word search

Find the words: from left to right and from top to bottom.

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☐ NEIGHBOURS ☐ MSEMMEN ☐ WELCOME ☐ IBRAHIM ☐ BARAKA ☐ GUEST

☐ NAIMA ☐ CLAES ☐ LINA ☐ TEA

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

Something is missing, bigger, smaller, turned or moved.

