

Transcript

SCENE 1 – SITTING ROOM

- Arjun:** Yes! Yes! Come on! Pass the ball! No! Referee!
- Sunita:** Arjun, I made you some tea. Here is some tea for you.
- Arjun:** Oh, great, Sunita. Thanks.
- Sunita:** Are you OK now? Have you got everything you need?
- Sunita:** **Door bell rings.** Arjun! The door!
- Arjun:** Can you get it? I'm busy. I'm busy. I'll answer the door.

SCENE 2 – DOORWAY

- Arjun:** Hello?
- Neighbour:** Oh hello, I'm Bob. I'm your neighbour.
- Arjun:** Oh yes, I think I know you. I'm Arjun. You live next door. Hello.
- Neighbour:** Sorry to bother you. It's just, well, when I'm at home, and when your TV's on, er, well, I can hear your television.
- Arjun:** Yes, I'm watching television.
- Neighbour:** Yes, I know that. But err, well, you see, the thing is... I can hear *your* TV. From *my* flat.
- Arjun:** Oh... right.
- Neighbour:** Yeah, so....
- Arjun:** So, you can hear my television?
- Neighbour:** Yes, the football, I can hear everything. So....
- Arjun:** Ah, I see, I see what you mean now.
- Neighbour:** Thank you, if that's OK.
- Arjun:** You're listening to my television because you don't have a television, so you'd like to come in and watch the football with us? Come in!
- Neighbour:** But wait, that's not -
- Arjun:** It's a good match.
- Neighbour:** Well, maybe, but I can hear it. The walls are very thin. And I can hear you!
- Arjun:** And?
- Neighbour:** Well, you see, I'm working... my home is also my office.
- Arjun:** Oh? Yes, so?



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- Neighbour:** And I need, er, quiet, I need peace and quiet. And I can't think... with all the noise.
- Sunita:** Arjun! Hello, I'm so sorry.
- Arjun:** What did you do wrong now?
- Sunita:** 'What did *I* do wrong?' 'What did *you* do wrong?'
- Arjun:** What?
- Sunita:** Arjun, I think our neighbour is asking you to turn down the TV, you know, turn down the volume.
- Neighbour:** Exactly, yes please, if that's OK. I mean, if it's no trouble. Thank you.
- Arjun:** Oh so you'd like me to turn down the volume?
- Neighbour:** Well yes, that's what I'm trying to say.
- Arjun:** Oh, sorry. I didn't know it was so noisy. I was just enjoying the game!
- Neighbour:** Of course, and if ever my TV's too loud, or anything, please do let me know as well.
- Arjun:** Oh sure, yes, OK.
- Neighbour:** Well then, many thanks and sorry to trouble you again, and enjoy the rest of the game.
- Arjun & Sunita:** Bye.
- Arjun:** I didn't know what he wanted.
- Sunita:** Well, he is a polite man, a very polite man.
- Arjun:** I mean, if he wanted me to turn down the volume, why didn't he just ask?
- Sunita:** He didn't ask you?
- Arjun:** No, he didn't. He didn't ask me to turn down the TV.
- Sunita:** Well, did he say he can hear the TV?
- Arjun:** Yes.
- Sunita:** And did he say the walls are thin?
- Arjun:** Yes, but I didn't know why he said that.
- Sunita:** And did he say he's working at home? And that he needs quiet?
- Arjun:** Yes.
- Sunita:** So there you are. He asked you at least four times to turn down the television, but you didn't understand because you're so, let's just say, you didn't understand.
- Arjun:** Right. Right. 'I can hear your TV' means 'Please can you turn your TV down?'
- Sunita:** Well... yes! People give reasons, you know, for when something is a problem. Arjun, the TV!
- Arjun:** Oh yes... because the walls are very thin!
- Sunita:** And then Arjun? When you have a minute.... (Arjun reappears.)



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- Arjun:** Yes my darling?
- Sunita:** I'm thirsty.
- Arjun:** Oh right. Oh, right! 'I'm thirsty' means 'Can you get me something to drink?'
- Sunita:** Ay, you're learning!
- Sunita:** Oh thanks!
- Arjun:** There's a bit left in the bottom.

