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Level 0

Noisy neighbours biggest problem

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Are your neighbours stressful? Over 27% of British people have problems with their neighbours. Researchers asked over 2,000 adults about their neighbours. Half the people felt angry. Nearly half felt stressed. Almost 10% were afraid of their neighbours. Most people did not know how to get help and advice.

The biggest problems were loud voices, loud music and loud TVs. Drugs were also a problem. One-third of people talked to the neighbour about a problem. The problem got worse if the neighbour did not say sorry or change. The researchers said young people stay silent about their problems. They should keep a diary.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/29211402>
http://www.which.co.uk/news/2014/09/one-in-four-people-have-nuisance-neighbours--376963/?cmp=RSS-GNS_376963
<http://money.aol.co.uk/2014/09/15/1-in-4-have-nuisance-neighbours/>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Over | a. felt angry |
| 2. British people have problems | b. stressed |
| 3. Researchers asked | c. not know how |
| 4. Half the people | d. over 2,000 adults |
| 5. Nearly half felt | e. and advice |
| 6. Almost 10% were afraid | f. 27% |
| 7. Most people did | g. with their neighbours |
| 8. get help | h. of their neighbours |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The biggest | a. to the neighbour |
| 2. loud | b. worse |
| 3. Drugs were | c. problems |
| 4. One-third of people talked | d. a diary |
| 5. The problem got | e. voices |
| 6. say | f. about their problems |
| 7. young people stay silent | g. sorry |
| 8. They should keep | h. also a problem |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Are your (1) _____? Over 27% of British people have (2) _____ neighbours. Researchers asked over (3) _____ about their neighbours. Half the people (4) _____. Nearly half felt stressed. Almost 10% (5) _____ their neighbours. Most people did not know how to get (6) _____.

The biggest problems (7) _____, loud music and loud TVs. Drugs were (8) _____. One-third of (9) _____ the neighbour about a problem. The problem (10) _____ the neighbour did not say (11) _____. The researchers said young people stay silent about their problems. They should (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **neighbours** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
