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Level 2

Noisy neighbours biggest problem

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THE READING

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Do you get on with your neighbours, or are they stressful? A new report says that a quarter of British people had problems with their neighbours in the past year. A consumer-protection organization, called "Which?" carried out a survey. Researchers asked 2,062 adults about relations with neighbours. They found that 27 per cent had problems. "Which?" said that half of the people felt angry or irritable, and 42 per cent felt stressed. One in ten people admitted to feeling afraid of their neighbours. The survey also found that 64 per cent of people didn't know where to get help and advice.

The biggest complaints about neighbours were loud voices and arguing, loud music and TVs, and slamming doors. People also said drugs and police arriving at their neighbour's house were problems. One-third of people talked to the neighbour about the problem, but the problem got worse if the neighbour did not apologise or continued with their bad behaviour. "Which?" said 86 per cent of young people did not know where to get advice. "Which?" said: "Our research has found that young people especially are suffering in silence." It told people to keep a diary of bad behaviour.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/29211402>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. a quarter | a. of their neighbours |
| 2. A consumer-protection | b. or irritable |
| 3. carried | c. of British people |
| 4. half of the people felt angry | d. organization |
| 5. 42 per cent felt | e. and advice |
| 6. people admitted to feeling afraid | f. know where to |
| 7. 64 per cent of people didn't | g. stressed |
| 8. get help | h. out a survey |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The biggest | a. doors |
| 2. loud voices | b. third of people |
| 3. slamming | c. silence |
| 4. One- | d. and arguing |
| 5. the problem | e. not apologise |
| 6. if the neighbour did | f. complaints |
| 7. suffering in | g. diary of bad behaviour |
| 8. keep a | h. got worse |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Do (1) _____ your neighbours, or are they stressful?

A new report says (2) _____ British people had problems with their neighbours in the past year. A consumer- (3) _____, called "Which?" carried out a survey. Researchers asked 2,062 (4) _____ with neighbours. They found that 27 per cent had problems. "Which?" said that half of the people felt (5) _____, and 42 per cent felt stressed. One in ten people admitted to feeling afraid of their neighbours. The survey also found that 64 per cent of people didn't know where to get (6) _____.

The (7) _____ about neighbours were loud voices and arguing, loud music and TVs, and (8) _____. People also said drugs and police arriving at their neighbour's house were problems. One-third of people talked to the neighbour about the problem, but the problem (9) _____ the neighbour did not apologise (10) _____ their bad behaviour. "Which?" said 86 per cent of young people did not know where (11) _____. "Which?" said: "Our research has found that young people especially are suffering in silence." It told people (12) _____ of bad behaviour.

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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
