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## **Level 5**

# **Nigeria declared car horn-free day**

**22nd October, 2014**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141022-car-horn-free-day-5.html>

Lagos in Nigeria declared a car "Horn-Free Day" last week to try to raise awareness of noise pollution. People constantly have to listen to the endless sound of screeches, sirens and high-pitched honking from impatient motorists. The Lagos governor told reporters that the noise from car horns was now serious enough to be a danger to people's hearing. The governor said Horn-Free Day: "Is for our own good. It is for our own health. It is for our own life." The WHO said high-decibel noise pollution was a critical health hazard. It increases the risk of heart diseases and high blood pressure.

The governor hoped his city's roads would be a little quieter. He contrasted the honking in Lagos to the quiet of European roads. He said he spent ten days in Europe and, "did not hear the sound of a horn". He tried to imagine Lagos without horns. A Lagos blogger defended the horn as part of the city's culture. He said: "Honking is a beautiful trend in this part of the world, and it is a trend that every class of people in the country embraces." He said people honk to make other drivers aware of danger, to greet friends and celebrate weddings and other happy occasions.

Sources: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201410150336.html>  
<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/oct/15/lagos-bans-car-horns-deafening-traffic-noise>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141022-car-horn-free-day-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. raise                 | a. hazard             |
| 2. listen to the endless | b. awareness          |
| 3. impatient             | c. good               |
| 4. a danger to people's  | d. sound of screeches |
| 5. for our own           | e. pressure           |
| 6. high-decibel noise    | f. hearing            |
| 7. a critical health     | g. motorists          |
| 8. high blood            | h. pollution          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. roads would be a          | a. without horns          |
| 2. the quiet                 | b. a horn                 |
| 3. hear the sound of         | c. city's culture         |
| 4. He tried to imagine Lagos | d. of danger              |
| 5. part of the               | e. this part of the world |
| 6. a beautiful trend in      | f. happy occasions        |
| 7. make other drivers aware  | g. of European roads      |
| 8. weddings and other        | h. little quieter         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Lagos in Nigeria declared a car "Horn-Free Day" (1) \_\_\_\_\_ raise awareness of noise pollution. People (2) \_\_\_\_\_ listen to the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ screeches, sirens and high-pitched honking from impatient motorists. The Lagos governor told reporters that the noise from car horns was now (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a danger to people's hearing. The governor said Horn-Free Day: "Is for our own good. It is for our own health. It is for our own life." The WHO said (5) \_\_\_\_\_ pollution was a critical health hazard. It increases the risk of heart diseases and (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The governor hoped his city's roads would (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He contrasted the honking in Lagos (8) \_\_\_\_\_ European roads. He said he spent ten days in Europe and, "did not hear the sound of a horn". He (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Lagos without horns. A Lagos blogger defended (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the city's culture. He said: "Honking is a beautiful trend in this part of the world, and it is a trend that every class of people in (11) \_\_\_\_\_." He said people honk to make other drivers aware of danger, to greet friends and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and other happy occasions.

# CAR HORNS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141022-car-horn-free-day-5.html>

Write five GOOD questions about car horns in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# FREE WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141022-car-horn-free-day-5.html>

Write about **car horns** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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