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Noisy neighbours biggest problem

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THE READING

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Do you like your neighbours, or are they stressful? A quarter of British people had problems with their neighbours in the past year. An organization that helps people, called "Which?", did a survey. It asked 2,062 adults about their neighbours. They found that 27% had problems. "Which?" said half the people felt angry and 42% felt stressed. Around 10% said they felt afraid of their neighbours. Most people didn't know where to get help and advice.

The biggest problems were loud voices and arguing, and loud music and TVs. People also said drugs were a problem. One-third of people talked to the neighbour about a problem. The problem got worse if the neighbour did not apologise or change their bad behaviour. Around 86% of young people did not tell anyone about their problem. The researchers said: "Young people especially are suffering in silence." They said people should keep a diary.

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

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1409/140918-neighbours-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A quarter | a. stressed |
| 2. in the past | b. 10% |
| 3. They found that | c. their neighbours |
| 4. 42% felt | d. of British people |
| 5. Around | e. and advice |
| 6. afraid of | f. 27% had problems |
| 7. Most people didn't | g. year |
| 8. get help | h. know where |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The biggest | a. about a problem |
| 2. loud | b. were a problem |
| 3. People also said drugs | c. a diary |
| 4. One- | d. problems |
| 5. talked to the neighbour | e. third of people |
| 6. the neighbour did not | f. voices |
| 7. suffering in | g. apologise |
| 8. people should keep | h. silence |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Do you like your neighbours, or (1) _____? A quarter of British people had (2) _____ neighbours in (3) _____. An organization that helps people, called "Which?", (4) _____. It asked 2,062 adults about their neighbours. They found that 27% had problems. "Which?" (5) _____ people felt angry and 42% felt stressed. Around 10% said they felt afraid of their neighbours. Most people didn't know (6) _____ and advice.

The biggest problems were (7) _____ arguing, and loud (8) _____. People also said drugs were a problem. (9) _____ people talked to the neighbour about a problem. The problem got worse if the neighbour did (10) _____ change their bad behaviour. Around 86% of young people did (11) _____ about their problem. The researchers said: "Young people especially are (12) _____." They said people should keep a diary.

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)

WRITING

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Write about **neighbours** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
