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Nigeria declared car horn-free day

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THE READING

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Lagos in Nigeria declared a car "Horn-Free Day" to raise awareness of noise pollution. People have to listen to the endless sound of honking from impatient motorists. The Lagos governor said the noise was now a serious danger to people's hearing. He said Car-Free Day was, "for our own good...our own health...our own life". High-volume noise pollution is a serious health hazard. It increases the risk of heart disease and blood pressure.

The governor hoped his city roads would be quieter. He contrasted Lagos to the quiet of European roads. He spent ten days in Europe and, "did not hear the sound of a horn". A Lagos blogger said honking was part of the city's culture. He said it was "a beautiful trend...that every class of people in the country embraces". The blogger said people honk when there is danger, and 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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. raise | a. hazard |
| 2. impatient | b. awareness |
| 3. for our own | c. noise pollution |
| 4. High-volume | d. blood pressure |
| 5. a serious health | e. motorists |
| 6. the risk of heart disease and | f. good |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. his city roads would | a. of the city's culture |
| 2. He contrasted Lagos to the | b. of a horn |
| 3. hear the sound | c. happy occasions |
| 4. honking was part | d. of people |
| 5. every class | e. be quieter |
| 6. celebrate weddings and other | f. quiet of European roads |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Lagos in Nigeria declared a car "Horn-Free Day" (1) _____ noise pollution. People have to listen (2) _____ of honking from (3) _____. The Lagos governor said the noise was now (4) _____ people's hearing. He said Car-Free Day was, "for our (5) _____ health...our own life". High-volume noise pollution is a serious health hazard. It (6) _____ heart disease and blood pressure.

The governor hoped his city roads (7) _____. He contrasted Lagos to the quiet of European roads. He (8) _____ Europe and, "did (9) _____ of a horn". A Lagos blogger said honking was part (10) _____. He said it was "a beautiful trend...that every class of people in (11) _____". The blogger said people honk when there is danger, and to greet friends (12) _____ and other happy occasions.

CAR HORNS SURVEY

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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

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