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Level 5

Italian town to use silent fireworks for stressed dogs

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1607/160708-fireworks-5.html>

The Italian town of Collecchio has passed legislation requiring fireworks to be silent in displays. The new law is to ensure the wellbeing of dogs and other pets. The town decided that the welfare of its pets is more important than the sound of fireworks exploding. Dogs have sensitive hearing and fireworks cause them to develop something called 'acoustic stress'. The sounds and smoke created by fireworks can cause additional health problems for animals. Vets often report cases of nausea, tremors and increased anxiety in animals after a fireworks show.

Awareness of the problems caused by the sound of fireworks is growing in Europe. Germany banned fireworks near refugee shelters to reduce the trauma experienced by refugees who had just fled war zones. Fireworks also cause problems for war veterans. The explosions bring back painful memories of being in areas of conflict and can trigger post-traumatic stress disorder. Not everyone agrees with the idea of silent fireworks. One Italian said: "You need the booms, cracks and thunder. It's an essential part of the fun." He advised pet owners to keep all windows firmly closed.

Sources: <http://www.care2.com/greenliving/silent-fireworks-could-prove-helpful-for-animals-veterans-with-ptsd.html>
<http://www.khou.com/news/silent-fireworks-offer-a-quiet-alternative/263955421>
<http://dogtime.com/trending/33475-town-italy-switches-silent-fireworks-reduce-anxiety-animal>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. passed | a. 'acoustic stress' |
| 2. The new law is to ensure the | b. legislation |
| 3. the welfare of | c. cases of nausea |
| 4. Dogs have sensitive | d. wellbeing of dogs |
| 5. develop something called | e. in animals |
| 6. cause additional health | f. its pets |
| 7. Vets often report | g. hearing |
| 8. increased anxiety | h. problems |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. refugee | a. disorder |
| 2. cause problems for war | b. part of the fun |
| 3. bring back painful memories of being in | c. closed |
| 4. trigger post-traumatic stress | d. veterans |
| 5. Not everyone | e. areas of conflict |
| 6. It's an essential | f. owners |
| 7. pet | g. agrees |
| 8. keep all windows firmly | h. shelters |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Italian town of Collecchio has (1) _____ requiring fireworks to be silent in displays. The new law (2) _____ wellbeing of dogs and other pets. The town decided that the welfare of its pets is more important (3) _____ fireworks exploding. Dogs have (4) _____ fireworks cause them to develop something called 'acoustic stress'. The sounds and smoke created by fireworks can cause (5) _____ problems for animals. Vets often report cases of nausea, tremors and (6) _____ animals after a fireworks show.

Awareness of the problems (7) _____ of fireworks is growing in Europe. Germany banned fireworks (8) _____ to reduce the trauma experienced by refugees who had just fled war zones. Fireworks also cause problems (9) _____. The explosions bring back painful memories of being in (10) _____ and can trigger post-traumatic (11) _____. Not everyone agrees with the idea of silent fireworks. One Italian said: "You need the booms, cracks and thunder. It's an (12) _____ the fun." He advised pet owners to keep all windows firmly closed.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FIREWORKS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1607/160708-fireworks-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about fireworks 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) _____

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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) _____

