

Worksheet Week 2: The Mosquito Device

A- CBC video

1) Fill in the blanks

IAN HANOMANSING: If you don't hear part of our next story it may be because of your age. As Genevieve Tomney tells us a new _____ is helping clear away unwanted _____ of young people and giving teenagers _____.

GENEVIEVE TOMNEY: Most adults can't hear it, neither can little kids. Even a dog's _____ ears don't pick it up. But if you are a teenager...

YOUTH 1: Ha, it's disgusting.

YOUTH 2: It's not tolerable at all.

GENEVIEVE TOMNEY: It's impossible to _____.

YOUTH 3: It's really annoying. It's just a _____ that I wouldn't want to be around for a long time.

YOUTH 4: It's like ringing in your ears, it's like if you go to a _____, the next day you have the _____ ringing in your ears.

GENEVIEVE TOMNEY: They are talking about the noise coming out of a little device called the _____. Its _____ is so high only the people between the ages of about 13 and 25 can hear it. The mosquito has been used in the UK and Europe for about two years to help _____ drive loitering teens from their _____. Now a B.C. crime prevention company is selling them to Canadians.

MIKE GIBSON: It doesn't really affect them or become annoying for a couple of minutes but after a couple of minutes they find the noise grinding on them like finger nails through a _____ board.

A school in Maple Ridge just added to the Buzz about the Mosquito. Young adults were holding _____ drinking parties at riverside _____ until they installed the device in an _____ about a year ago.

KATHIE WARD: Within very short _____ we noticed a _____ happening where they would show up at the school and then _____ within a few minutes of being here.

GENEVIEVE TOMNEY: Gibson claims the Mosquito won't _____ anyone's hearing but the high-pitched noise is impossible to ignore and one of Gibson's employees is finding it _____.

MIKE GIBSON: He is using it to _____ up his daughter in the morning. He puts it out there at the time he _____ that she should be getting out of bed. He puts it outside of her room, turns it on and she gets up pretty right away.

GENEVIEVE TOMNEY: And it's not hard to see why.

YOUTH 5: It kind of _____ my head a lot. I think I need an Advil now.

GENEVIEVE TOMNEY: But like they do with most new _____, teenagers have already found a way to use this special sound to their _____. They are recording it as a secret cell phone _____ that parents and teachers can't hear.

2) Vocabulary :Find in the article equivalents for the following words.

trouble-making _____	soon _____
get rid of _____	hurt _____
to make someone go _____	appear _____

3) Comprehension Questions

Why does IH mention the age of the audience? _____

What is the name given to the device they are talking about? _____

What is the effect of it on teenagers? _____

What do the letters BC stand for? _____

Why did the school head decide to install a mosquito? _____

Why can we say that teenagers took their revenge? _____

4) Grammar

a) so /neither (moi aussi , moi non plus) Replace the second part of the sentence by a short form

Adults can't hear, kids can't hear either. → _____

15 year olds can hear it, 20-year-olds can hear it too. → _____

European people use it to deter young people , Canadian people use it too. → _____

their ears won't be damaged , their brain won't be damaged either. → _____

alarm clocks wake people up , the mosquito wakes people up too. → _____

the girls are affected , the boy is affected too. → _____

European shopkeepers complained , the school head complained too. → _____

Parents don't hear the special ring , teachers don't hear it either. → _____

b) so/such

In the video you heard:

Its frequency is so high only the people between the ages of about 13 and 25 can hear it

Rephrase using Such instead of So:

Complete the following sentences using so/ such a/ such an:

This device is _____ annoying that teenagers can't stand it. It makes _____ horrible noise that they escape. The young adults drank _____ much and made _____ much fuss that the head of the school installed a Mosquito. Its efficiency was _____ that they dispersed within minutes. Its uses can be _____ diverse that some people even find that _____ device can be used as an alarm clock. It gave the boy _____ headache that he needs an Advil.

B- CBC Article: Anti-loitering device keeps neighbours up at night

Residents in a New Westminster, B.C., neighbourhood are annoyed by a new method of keeping the homeless away from a nearby commercial building.

Property management at a building at 6th Ave. and 6th St. have installed a device that emits an irritating, high-pitched noise in order to keep the homeless from loitering and sleeping close to the building.

The Mosquito digital device emits its high-pitched frequency from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. Monday to Friday, and all day Saturday and Sunday. However, the move isn't sitting well with those who live in the surrounding area.

Adrian Beer, who lives on the 19th floor of a nearby apartment building, said the sound has been waking him up at night.

"[It's] very irritating, extremely irritating. I couldn't emphasize the irritating part about it."

Beer said there was a visible problem with homeless people gathering around the building, but doesn't see The Mosquito as a solution.

"I agree there is something that needs to be done, because sometimes they can get overaggressive, but I don't think compromising my living conditions is the way to go."

The Mosquito made headlines in B.C. in 2008 when the city of Castlegar installed the device to keep young people from loitering in some areas.

The first version of the device could only be heard by those under the age of 25, but its latest incarnation has another setting, which can be heard by most people.

Jemima Gerow, who also lives near the building in New Westminster, said it is loud and obnoxious.

"I've noticed the birds don't like it, I've noticed old people coming by holding their ears, [and] one little boy holding his ears and crying because the noise actually hurt his ears. I think it's really offensive. People should be able to walk into their community without having to put up with noise pollution."

The city's licensing department said it has received complaints about the Mosquito, and said it might ask the company to remove the device if the noise issues aren't resolved.

1) Say whether the following statements are right or wrong. Justify with a quote from the text.

Inhabitants of New Westminster have decided to get rid of homeless people with a Mosquito. R/W

The device which has been used emits a very loud noise. R/W

It functions in the morning during the week and all day at the week-end. R/W

Homeless people bother the neighbourhood because they sometimes get into fights R/W

The Mosquito has not always been so efficient. R/W

Only human beings can hear the noise it makes. R/W

The major problem with it is that it pollutes the air. R/W

2) Build sentences showing the differences between the two stories (linking them with unlike, contrary to, whereas, while ...):

Young people / homeless people _____

Teenagers / everybody _____

Proponents / opponents _____

3) Make three sentences expressing similarities between the 2 stories (both, like)

6) Complete the following letter addressed to the city's licencing department to complain about the mosquito :

245, 6th street
New Westmister
BC V3L 3A5
March 7th 2010

To Mr. Rick Page
City of New Westminster licensing department
511 Royal Avenue
New Westminster, BC V3L 1H9

Dear Mr Page,

As you probably know, the b _____ at 6th a _____ has just i _____ a device to k _____ h _____ people away. I a _____ they are t _____ -m _____ but the system also b _____ all inhabitants of the n _____. That d _____ is on even at w _____ -e _____ and it even w _____ me up at night during the week. This is u _____ and everybody c _____ about the situation. Could you p _____ try to f _____ another solution to this p _____ and c _____ the commercial building manager to r _____ the d _____. I am w _____ on behalf of a g _____ of l _____ -abiding but irritated c _____ who are l _____ f _____ to r _____ your answer.

Yours s _____

Adrian Beer

PS: S _____ you not consider our r _____ favorably we would naturally t _____ l _____ a _____ against the company for n _____ p _____.

6) In 200- 220 words , imagine the answer they got a few days later

7) Translate the following sentences

Sa carte pré-payée contient une puce qui enregistre tous ses déplacements en métro.

L'article 8 concerne les droits de chaque citoyen à la protection de sa vie privée.

Le Mosquito fait un bruit si pénible que même les oiseaux s'envolent quand ils l'entendent.

Adrian Beer ne considère pas que la ville n'a pas choisi la bonne solution . Jemima Gerow non plus