

Read the news article.

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Noise Pollution and Health

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A study shows that noises can harm people's health. There are many kinds of noise people hear every day. These noises can lead to illnesses. (see Figure 1)

Green Power has interviewed 400 people in Hong Kong in the past six months about different kinds of noise in their lives. (see Figure 2) 'Noise is everywhere,' Joyce Lo, head of Green Power said. The study shows that people hear noises from traffic, roadworks, air conditioners and loud music every day.

These noises annoy people and give them headaches. People who work in places with too much noise may have hearing problem or hearing loss.

'We can use special walls to keep us

from the noises, but they are very expensive,' said Joyce Lo, 'the cheapest way is to make less noise ourselves.'

Figure 1 Types of noise-related sickness

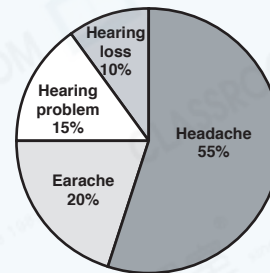


Figure 2 Types of noise

Traffic	54%
Roadworks	20%
Loud music	10%
Air conditioners	16%

Test your understanding.

- What is the **main idea** of the news article?
 - A. People make noises.
 - B. Noises are all around.
 - C. People like noises.
 - D. Noises make people sick.
- Read Figure 2. What is the most common type of noise?
 - A. traffic
 - B. roadworks
 - C. loud music
 - D. air conditioners
- Read Figure 1. People suffer the least from _____.
 - A. earache
 - B. headache
 - C. hearing problem
 - D. hearing loss
- Read lines 13-14. What does 'them' refer to?
 - A. people
 - B. noises
 - C. headaches
 - D. places with noises