

## B2+/C1 Grammar gap-fill cloze: past participle adjectives

### UK trial modified cameras to end noisy vehicles

Change the verbs into their correct forms before putting them in the correct spaces.

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| A. detect     | F. modify  |
| B. decide     | G. commit  |
| C. fit        | H. disturb |
| D. affect     | I. poll    |
| E. commission | J. trial   |

A new type of traffic camera that detects noisy vehicles has been trialled in the UK. The “noise cameras” catch illegally-loud sounds coming from 1.\_\_\_\_\_ exhausts or supercars and motorbikes revving their engines. The acoustic cameras have microphones specially 2.\_\_\_\_\_ and capture the numberplate and sound level of the vehicle. If the sound 3.\_\_\_\_\_ exceeds the legal limit of 74 decibels, then a fine is automatically sent to the driver.

Alongside the trial was a survey 4.\_\_\_\_\_ by the RAC (Royal Automobile Club) to gather drivers’ thoughts on the cameras. Of those 5.\_\_\_\_\_, almost 60% were in favour of them, but around 20% were against the new detection cameras, while the last 20% were 6.\_\_\_\_\_. Those who fail to comply with the legal noise limit face a £50 fine, which around 40% of drivers felt was in proportion to the offence 7.\_\_\_\_\_. Others felt that motorists should face a steeper fine and a temporary ban if they breach the rules.

The survey revealed that around a third of the UK regularly hear unnecessarily loud vehicle noises. According to the government up to £10 billion a year is lost in productivity at work due to 8.\_\_\_\_\_ sleep and other resulting health problems. The RAC said they want the 9.\_\_\_\_\_ cameras in the worst areas 10.\_\_\_\_\_, and “the sooner effective camera enforcement can be put in place the better”.

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#### Answers

- 1F    modified
- 2C    fitted
- 3A    detected
- 4E    commissioned
- 5I    polled
- 6B    undecided
- 7G    committed
- 8H    disturbed
- 9J    trialled
- 10D   affected

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