

B2+/C1 Writing cloze

UK trial modified cameras to end noisy vehicles

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A new type of traffic camera that 1._____ noisy vehicles has been trialled in the UK. The “noise cameras” catch illegally-loud sounds coming from modified 2._____ or supercars and motorbikes revving their engines. The 3._____ cameras have microphones specially fitted and capture the 4._____ and sound level of the vehicle. If the sound detected 5._____ the legal limit of 74 decibels, then a 6._____ is automatically sent to the driver.

Alongside the trial was a survey 7._____ by the RAC (Royal Automobile Club) to gather drivers’ thoughts on the cameras. Of those 8._____, almost 60% were in favour of them, but around 20% were against the new detection cameras, while the last 20% were undecided. Those who fail to 9._____ with the legal noise limit face a £50 fine, which around 40% of drivers felt was in 10._____ to the offence committed. Others felt that 11._____ should face a steeper fine and a temporary ban if they 12._____ the rules.

The 13._____ 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 14._____ at work due to disturbed sleep and other resulting health problems. The RAC said they want the trialled cameras in the worst areas affected, and “the sooner effective camera 15._____ can be put in place the better”.

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Answers

1. detects
2. exhausts
3. acoustic
4. numberplate
5. exceeds
6. fine
7. commissioned
8. polled
9. comply
10. proportion
11. motorists
12. breach
13. survey
14. productivity
15. enforcement

Full lesson with interactive and listening exercises at:

<https://www.everybitenglish.com/lesson-20230821-higher-c1-noise-cameras>

Writing practice

Choose a question and write your answer below.

1. What is the loudest thing you've ever heard or listened to?
2. What are some examples of noise pollution?
3. Could you teach someone how to drive? What would you teach first?
4. Why is sleep important?
5. Do you like surveys?

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