

Pre-intermediate Workout

Unit 14 Silence, please! – Listening

Pre-listening

1 Complete the table with words and phrases from the box. Then add some other words for sounds and noises.

rustling (low whispering like the sound made by paper or leaves)
 • a person singing • an angry person shouting
 • sirens and pneumatic drills • birds singing • dogs barking
 • glass smashing • jet aircraft taking off and landing
 • people coughing • an audience settling themselves into their seats



Noises and sounds you like	Noises and sounds you don't like
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2 Complete these definitions.

meditation decibels background noise hearing range benefits inner

- _____ : quiet or not easily heard, not very noticeable
- _____ : good effects
- _____ : units measuring sound
- _____ : limits of human hearing, what a human can hear
- _____ : inside, internal
- _____ : deep, calm thought, introspection

While-listening

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3 Listen and tick the words or phrases that you hear.

A Naturally Quiet

- nature world
- civilisation
- decibels
- infrared
- aircraft
- pneumatic drills

B Going Deep Within

- Eastern culture
- on your own
- spiritual
- meditation
- inner voice
- inner peas

C The Search for Silence

- trend
- there is loud music
- quiet hotels
- shores of a lake
- map of silence
- sneezing

D The Art of Silence

- discover
- peace
- tranquillity
- relaxation
- concentrate
- breathing

4 Listen again and complete the text.

More and more people are feeling (1) _____. A new trend from the US is the silence party. There is (2) _____ or small talk at these parties, they are totally silent. Two New York artists came up with this idea (3) _____, and their quiet parties were a big success. Dotted in quiet places around the world you will find *hotels du silence* (from the French, meaning (4) _____). These hotels are set on the peaceful shores of a lake or in the middle of a forest and there are (5) _____, no TVs and no traffic.

Post-listening

5 Describe your perfect weekend. Would it be noisy or quiet? What kind of things would you hear or choose to listen to? Think about the difference between listening and hearing