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Italian town to use silent fireworks for stressed dogs

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160708-fireworks.html>

A small town in Italy has passed legislation requiring people to use only silent fireworks in displays and celebrations. The new measure is to ensure the wellbeing of dogs and other pets. The town of Collecchio in the province of Parma has decided that the welfare of its pets is more important than the sound of explosions that normally accompanies fireworks. The more sensitive hearing of animals causes them to develop a condition known as 'acoustic stress' that follows sudden and loud noises. The sounds and smoke created by fireworks can cause additional health problems in animals. Vets commonly report cases of nausea, tremors and increased anxiety in animals after a fireworks show.

Awareness of the potential problems created by the sound of fireworks is growing in Europe. Over the New Year, Germany banned fireworks near refugee shelters to minimise trauma experienced by refugees who had just fled war zones. Fireworks are also known to cause problems for war veterans. The explosions bring back painful memories of being in areas of conflict and can trigger post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). However, not everyone agrees with the idea of silent fireworks. Antonio Maldini said: "You need the booms, cracks and thunder. It's an essential part of the fun." He advised pet owners to keep animals indoors and keep all windows firmly closed.

Sources: <http://www.care2.com/greenliving/silent-fireworks-could-prove-helpful-for-animals-veterans-with-ptsd.html>
<http://www.khou.com/news/silent-fireworks-offer-a-quiet-alternative/263955421>
<http://dogtime.com/trending/33475-town-italy-switches-silent-fireworks-reduce-anxiety-animal>

WARM-UPS

1. FIREWORKS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about fireworks. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

legislation / displays / celebrations / wellbeing / pets / explosions / sensitive / nausea potential / refugee / trauma / war veterans / stress / silent / thunder / essential

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SILENT: Students A **strongly** believe fireworks should be silent so they don't annoy people or animals; Students B **strongly** believe fireworks have to be noisy. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. NOISE POLLUTION: How bad are these things (10 = very bad; 1 = not bad at all)? Who does it affect? How can we reduce the pollution? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How bad is it?	Who does it affect?	How can we reduce it?
Fireworks			
Traffic			
Airplanes			
Construction			
Cell phones			
Music			

5. PET: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "pet". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. STRESSFUL NOISES: Rank these with your partner. Put the most stressful noises at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Fireworks
- Other people's headphones
- Electric tools
- Video games
- Cars hooting
- Music in supermarkets
- Family members
- Babies crying

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160708-fireworks.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A major city in Italy has banned noisy fireworks. **T / F**
- b. The ban on fireworks is only for the benefit of dogs. **T / F**
- c. Animals can develop a condition called 'acoustic stress'. **T / F**
- d. Fireworks often make animals feel sick. **T / F**
- e. Germany banned fireworks so refugees would not be traumatised. **T / F**
- f. Fireworks can lead to PTSD in war veterans. **T / F**
- g. Everyone agrees with the law requiring silent fireworks. **T / F**
- h. A man said animals should be kept outdoors for fireworks displays. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. legislation | a. stress |
| 2. measure | b. illness |
| 3. accompanies | c. securely |
| 4. condition | d. laws |
| 5. anxiety | e. set off |
| 6. potential | f. key |
| 7. banned | g. action |
| 8. trigger | h. possible |
| 9. essential | i. goes with |
| 10. firmly | j. prohibited |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. fireworks in displays | a. accompanies fireworks |
| 2. ensure the wellbeing | b. shelters |
| 3. the sound of explosions that normally | c. cases of nausea |
| 4. The more sensitive | d. problems |
| 5. Vets commonly report | e. of dogs and other pets |
| 6. potential | f. firmly closed |
| 7. refugee | g. with the idea |
| 8. cause problems for war | h. and celebrations |
| 9. not everyone agrees | i. veterans |
| 10. keep all windows | j. hearing of animals |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160708-fireworks.html>

A small town in Italy has passed (1) _____ requiring people to use only silent fireworks in displays and celebrations. The new measure is to (2) _____ the wellbeing of dogs and other pets. The town of Collecchio in the province of Parma has decided that the (3) _____ of its pets is more important than the sound of explosions that (4) _____ accompanies fireworks. The more sensitive hearing of animals causes them to develop a (5) _____ known as 'acoustic stress' that follows (6) _____ and loud noises. The sounds and smoke created by fireworks can cause (7) _____ health problems in animals. Vets commonly report cases of nausea, tremors and (8) _____ anxiety in animals after a fireworks show.

ensure
sudden
normally
increased
legislation
additional
welfare
condition

Awareness of the (9) _____ problems created by the sound of fireworks is growing in Europe. Over the New Year, Germany (10) _____ fireworks near refugee shelters to minimise trauma experienced by refugees who had just (11) _____ war zones. Fireworks are also known to cause problems for war (12) _____. The explosions bring back painful memories of being in areas of conflict and can (13) _____ post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). However, not everyone (14) _____ with the idea of silent fireworks. Antonio Maldini said: "You need the booms, cracks and thunder. It's an (15) _____ part of the fun." He advised pet owners to keep animals indoors and keep all windows (16) _____ closed.

veterans
potential
agrees
firmly
fled
banned
essential
trigger

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) legislation requiring people to use only silent fireworks in displays _____
 - a. and celebrations
 - b. and celebration
 - c. and celebrities
 - d. and celery stations
- 2) The new measure is to ensure the wellbeing of dogs _____
 - a. and another pets
 - b. and the other pets
 - c. and other pet
 - d. and other pets
- 3) decided that the welfare of its pets is more important than the sound _____
 - a. of explosions
 - b. for explosions
 - c. of exposition
 - d. of expositions
- 4) sensitive hearing of animals causes them to develop a condition known as _____
 - a. 'a caustic stress'
 - b. 'acoustic stress'
 - c. 'acoustics dress'
 - d. 'a coup stick stress'
- 5) Vets commonly report cases of nausea, tremors and _____
 - a. increasing anxiety
 - b. increased anxious
 - c. increased anxiety
 - d. increased anxieties
- 6) Awareness of the potential problems created by the sound of fireworks _____
 - a. is grown
 - b. is grow in
 - c. is growth
 - d. is growing
- 7) to minimise trauma experienced by refugees who had just _____
 - a. bled war zones
 - b. tread war zones
 - c. dead war zones
 - d. fled war zones
- 8) Fireworks are also known to cause problems for _____
 - a. war veteran
 - b. war veterans
 - c. wore veterans
 - d. wore veteran
- 9) memories of being in areas of conflict and can trigger post-traumatic _____
 - a. stress disorder
 - b. stress disorderly
 - c. stress disorders
 - d. stress disordered
- 10) He advised pet owners to keep animals indoors and keep all windows _____
 - a. firmly closing
 - b. firmly close
 - c. firmly closes
 - d. firmly closed

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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A small town in Italy (1) _____ requiring people to use only silent fireworks in displays and celebrations. The new measure is to ensure (2) _____ dogs and other pets. The town of Collecchio in the province of Parma has decided that (3) _____ its pets is more important than the sound of explosions that normally accompanies fireworks. The more (4) _____ of animals causes them to develop a condition known as 'acoustic stress' that follows sudden and loud noises. The sounds and smoke created by fireworks (5) _____ health problems in animals. Vets commonly report cases of nausea, tremors and (6) _____ animals after a fireworks show.

Awareness (7) _____ problems created by the sound of fireworks is growing in Europe. Over the New Year, Germany banned fireworks (8) _____ to minimise trauma experienced by refugees who (9) _____ war zones. Fireworks are also known to cause problems for war veterans. The explosions bring back painful memories of being in (10) _____ and can trigger post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). However, not everyone agrees with the (11) _____ fireworks. Antonio Maldini said: "You need the booms, cracks and thunder. It's an essential part of the fun." He advised pet owners to keep animals indoors and keep (12) _____ closed.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160708-fireworks.html>

1. What did a small town in Italy pass?
2. What did the town decide the welfare of pets was more important than?
3. What is the name of the condition animals can get from loud noises?
4. What else causes health problems for animals besides sounds?
5. Who commonly reports cases of nausea in pets after fireworks shows?
6. Which country banned fireworks displays near refugee camps?
7. What did organisers want to minimize in refugees?
8. What kind of memories can fireworks bring back in war veterans?
9. What can fireworks trigger in war veterans?
10. What did Antonio Maldini say should be firmly closed?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160708-fireworks.html>

- 1) What did a small town in Italy pass?
 - a) another town
 - b) milestone
 - c) a test
 - d) legislation
- 2) What did the town decide the welfare of pets was more important than?
 - a) Parma
 - b) the sound of explosions
 - c) the welfare of people
 - d) fireworks
- 3) What is the name of the condition animals can get from loud noises?
 - a) sensitive hearing stress
 - b) loud noises stress
 - c) sounds stress
 - d) acoustic stress
- 4) What else causes health problems for animals besides sounds?
 - a) pressure
 - b) painful necks
 - c) smoke
 - d) chemicals
- 5) Who commonly reports cases of nausea in pets after fireworks shows?
 - a) people with anxiety
 - b) fireworks makers
 - c) welfare workers
 - d) vets
- 6) Which country banned fireworks displays near refugee camps?
 - a) Turkey
 - b) Syria
 - c) Germany
 - d) Greece
- 7) What did organisers want to minimize in refugees?
 - a) trauma
 - b) moving around
 - c) financial stress
 - d) numbers
- 8) What kind of memories can fireworks bring back in war veterans?
 - a) vivid ones
 - b) dark ones
 - c) painful ones
 - d) recurring ones
- 9) What can fireworks trigger in war veterans?
 - a) DPST
 - b) PTSD
 - c) TSDP
 - d) PSTD
- 10) What did Antonio Maldini say should be firmly closed?
 - a) windows
 - b) eyes
 - c) ears
 - d) mouths

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Fireworks

You think the sound from fireworks is the most stressful noise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things you like about their noises. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): video games, supermarket music or crying babies.

Role B – Video games

You think the sound from video games is the most stressful noise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things you like about their noises. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): fireworks, supermarket music or crying babies.

Role C – Supermarket music

You think supermarket music is the most stressful noise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things you like about their noises. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): video games, fireworks or crying babies.

Role D – Crying babies

You think the sound for crying babies is the most stressful noise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things you like about their noises. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): video games, supermarket music or fireworks.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160708-fireworks.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'display' and 'celebration'.

display	celebration
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• only• new• normally• hearing• sudden• report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• potential• near• fled• painful• idea• windows
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FIREWORKS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about fireworks in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

FIREWORKS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'fireworks'?
3. What do you think of fireworks?
4. What do you think about what you read?
5. How unfair is it on animals to use fireworks?
6. What do you think of the idea of silent fireworks?
7. What do you know about noise pollution?
8. Should all towns introduce the same law?
9. What else should we do for the wellbeing of pets?
10. What noises make you stressed?

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FIREWORKS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What other dangers are there with fireworks?
13. What was the last fireworks display you saw like?
14. How might refugees feel when they hear fireworks?
15. How can we help war veterans with PTSD?
16. Would you prefer to see silent fireworks or loud ones?
17. What's the best fireworks display in the world?
18. Is noise an essential part of a fireworks display?
19. Is it enough to keep pets indoors with the windows shut?
20. What questions would you like to ask a fireworks display organiser?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Awareness of the (7) _____ problems created by the sound of fireworks is growing in Europe. Over the New Year, Germany banned fireworks near refugee shelters to minimise trauma experienced (8) _____ refugees who had just fled war zones. Fireworks are also known to cause problems for war veterans. The explosions bring back painful memories (9) _____ being in areas of conflict and can trigger post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). However, not (10) _____ agrees with the idea of silent fireworks. Antonio Maldini said: "You need the booms, cracks and thunder. It's an (11) _____ part of the fun." He advised pet owners to keep animals indoors and keep all windows (12) _____ closed.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) legislation | (b) legislative | (c) legislature | (d) legislate |
| 2. | (a) measures | (b) measured | (c) measure | (d) measurement |
| 3. | (a) provincial | (b) providence | (c) province | (d) provider |
| 4. | (a) fragile | (b) sensuous | (c) delicately | (d) sensitive |
| 5. | (a) condition | (b) illness | (c) cause | (d) tune |
| 6. | (a) nascent | (b) nausea | (c) nautical | (d) naughty |
| 7. | (a) potency | (b) potash | (c) potent | (d) potential |
| 8. | (a) as | (b) by | (c) to | (d) of |
| 9. | (a) on | (b) to | (c) of | (d) at |
| 10. | (a) anyone | (b) someone | (c) all | (d) everyone |
| 11. | (a) whole | (b) importance | (c) key | (d) essential |
| 12. | (a) flimsy | (b) firmly | (c) floppy | (d) flipping |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. passed inlisgealto
2. in the vcpnorei of Parma
3. The more iveisesnt hearing of animals
4. a condition known as 'cuaticos stress'
5. report cases of anusea
6. increased xaeniyt in animals

Paragraph 2

7. the iepoalttn problems
8. near ufeerge shelters
9. ieinmism (UK) / immiinez (USA) trauma
10. painful ieemrsom
11. cause problems for war svaetenr
12. an aseseltni part of the fun

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160708-fireworks.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () of explosions that normally accompanies fireworks. The more sensitive hearing of animals causes them to develop a
- () of Parma has decided that the welfare of its pets is more important than the sound
- () Europe. Over the New Year, Germany banned fireworks near refugee shelters to minimise trauma experienced
- () celebrations. The new measure is to ensure the wellbeing of dogs and other pets. The town of Collecchio in the province
- () veterans. The explosions bring back painful memories of being in areas of conflict and can trigger post-traumatic
- () tremors and increased anxiety in animals after a fireworks show.
- () by refugees who had just fled war zones. Fireworks are also known to cause problems for war
- () said: "You need the booms, cracks and thunder. It's an essential part of the fun." He advised pet
- (**1**) A small town in Italy has passed legislation requiring people to use only silent fireworks in displays and
- () condition known as 'acoustic stress' that follows sudden and loud noises. The sounds and smoke created by fireworks can
- () owners to keep animals indoors and keep all windows firmly closed.
- () cause additional health problems in animals. Vets commonly report cases of nausea,
- () stress disorder (PTSD). However, not everyone agrees with the idea of silent fireworks. Antonio Maldini
- () Awareness of the potential problems created by the sound of fireworks is growing in

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. of new to wellbeing The is the dogs measure ensure .
2. more that of is Decided welfare pets important the its .
3. as Causes develop known stress to condition acoustic them a .
4. by health fireworks problems can Smoke cause created additional .
5. after animals in anxiety Increased show fireworks a .
6. sound the by created problems Potential fireworks of .
7. banned Germany shelters refugee near fireworks .
8. memories in conflict painful being of back of areas Bring .
9. of agrees silent with fireworks the Not idea everyone .
10. animals keep to owners pet advised He indoors .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160708-fireworks.html>

A small town in Italy has *passed / passage* legislation requiring people to use only *silent / silence* fireworks in displays and *celebratory / celebrations*. The new measure is to *insure / ensure* the wellbeing of dogs and other pets. The town of Collecchio in the province of Parma has decided that the welfare of its pets is more important than the sound of *explosion / explosions* that normally accompanies fireworks. The more *sensitivity / sensitive* hearing of animals *causes / cause* them to develop a condition known as 'acoustic stress' that follows *suddenly / sudden* and loud noises. The sounds and smoke created by fireworks can cause additional health problems *in / on* animals. Vets commonly report cases of nausea, tremors and increased *anxious / anxiety* in animals after a fireworks show.

Awareness / Aware of the potential problems created by the sound of fireworks is *growing / grown* in Europe. Over the New Year, Germany banned fireworks *near / nearly* refugee shelters to minimise trauma experienced *on / by* refugees who had just *fled / bled* war zones. Fireworks are also known to cause problems *for / as* war veterans. The explosions bring back painful memories of being in *areas / area* of conflict and can trigger post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). However, *not / now* everyone agrees with the idea of silent fireworks. Antonio Maldini said: "You need the booms, cracks and *thunder / thunderous*. It's an essential part of the fun." He advised pet owners to keep animals indoors and keep all windows *firm / firmly* closed.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_ sm_ll t_wn _n _t_ly h_s p_ss_d l_g_sl_t__n
r_q__r_ng p__pl_ t_ _s_ _nly s_l_nt f_r_w_rks _n
d_spl_ys _nd c_l_br_t__ns. Th_ n_w m__s_r_ _s t_
_ns_r_ th_ w_llb__ng _f d_gs _nd _th_r p_ts. Th_ t_wn
_f C_ll_cch__ _n th_ pr_v_nc_ _f P_rm_ h_s d_c_d_d
th_t th_ w_lf_r_ _f _ts p_ts _s m_r_ _mp_rt_nt th_n
th_ s__nd _f _xpl_s__ns th_t n_rm_lly _cc_m_p_n__s
f_r_w_rks. Th_ m_r_ s_ns_t_v_ h__r_ng _f _n_m_ls
c__s_s th_m t_ d_v_l_p _ c_nd_t__n kn_wn _s
'_c__st_c str_ss' th_t f_ll_ws s_dd_n _nd l__d n__s_s.
Th_ s__nds _nd sm_k_ cr__t_d by f_r_w_rks c_n c__s_
_dd_t__n_l h__lth pr_bl_ms _n _n_m_ls. V_ts
c__mm_nly r_p_rt c_s_s _f n__s__, tr_m_rs _nd
_ncr__s_d _nx__ty _n _n_m_ls _ft_r_ f_r_w_rks sh_w.
_w_r_n_ss _f th_ p_t_nt__l pr_bl_ms cr__t_d by th_
s__nd _f f_r_w_rks _s gr_w_ng _n __r_p_. _v_r th_
N_w Y__r, G_rm_ny b_nn_d f_r_w_rks n__r r_f_g__
sh_lt_rs t_m_n_m_s tr__m_ _xp_r__nc_d by r_f_g__s
wh_ h_d j_st fl_d w_r_z_n_s. F_r_w_rks _r__ls kn_wn
t_ c__s_ pr_bl_ms f_r_w_r v_t_r_ns. Th_ _xpl_s__ns
br_ng b_ck p__nf_l m_m_r__s _f b__ng _n _r__s _f
c_nfl_ct _nd c_n tr_gg_r p_st-tr__m_t_c str_ss
d_s_r_d_r (PTSD). H_w_v_r, n_t _v_ry_n_ _gr__s w_th
th_ _d__ _f s_l_nt f_r_w_rks. _nt_n__ M_ld_n_ s__d:
"Y__ n__d th_ b__ms, cr_cks _nd th_nd_r. _t's _n
_ss_nt__l p_rt _f th_ f_n." H_ _dv_s_d p_t _wn_rs t_
k__p _n_m_ls _nd__rs _nd k__p _ll w_nd_ws f_r_mly
cl_s_d.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160708-fireworks.html>

A small town in Italy has passed legislation requiring people to use only silent fireworks in displays and celebrations. The new measure is to ensure the well-being of dogs and other pets. The town of Collecchio in the province of Parma has decided that the welfare of its pets is more important than the sound of explosions that normally accompanies fireworks. The more sensitive hearing of animals causes them to develop a condition known as 'acoustic stress' that follows sudden and loud noises. The sounds and smoke created by fireworks can cause additional health problems in animals. Vets commonly report cases of nausea, tremors and increased anxiety in animals after a fireworks show. Awareness of the potential problems created by the sound of fireworks is growing in Europe. Over the New Year, Germany banned fireworks near refugee shelters to minimize trauma experienced by refugees who had just fled war zones. Fireworks are also known to cause problems for war veterans. The explosions bring back painful memories of being in areas of conflict and can trigger post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). However, not everyone agrees with the idea of silent fireworks. Antonio Maldini said: "You need the booms, cracks and thunder. It's an essential part of the fun." He advised pet owners to keep animals indoors and keep all windows firmly closed.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about silent fireworks. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. FIREWORKS DISPLAYS: Make a poster about fireworks displays. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SILENT FIREWORKS: Write a magazine article about silent fireworks. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on fireworks. Ask him/her three questions about silent fireworks. Give him/her three of your opinions. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c T d T e T f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. legislation | a. laws |
| 2. measure | b. action |
| 3. accompanies | c. goes with |
| 4. condition | d. illness |
| 5. anxiety | e. stress |
| 6. potential | f. possible |
| 7. banned | g. prohibited |
| 8. trigger | h. set off |
| 9. essential | i. key |
| 10. firmly | j. securely |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Legislation
2. The sound of explosions
3. Acoustic stress
4. Smoke from fireworks
5. Vets
6. Germany
7. Trauma
8. Painful ones
9. Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
10. Windows

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)