Noisy neighbours

Do you have problems with your neighbours? Well, imagine the problems the people of Pilton in Somerset, England, have. Every summer over 150,000 people travel to their village for the annual Glastonbury pop music festival.

Every year, for three days, the village is full of people of all ages who leave drinks cans and papers all over the streets. The music plays until the early hours of the morning and you can hear people talking and singing all night. The quiet country village becomes a nightmare to live in and some residents are even thinking of moving to another village.

The pop fans who go to Glastonbury usually sleep in tents in a field, but last year Mr James Findlay, a resident of Pilton, found two people asleep in his garden in the morning. Mr Findlay said, 'I don't want to stop the Glastonbury Festival. I just want the fans to enjoy the festival without disturbing normal village life.'

- **b** Tick **1** the problems the villagers of Pilton have with their temporary neighbours.
 - 1 Their dogs bark.
 - 2 They throw their rubbish in the streets.
 - 3 They listen to loud music.
 - 4 Their babies cry all night.
 - 5 They make a lot of noise.
 - 6 They go into other people's gardens.
 - 7 They watch TV late at night.
 - 8 They break things in the village.
- Guess the meaning of the highlighted words. Check with your dictionary.

4 PRONUNCIATION verb + -ing

a Circle the word with a different sound.

	dr i nking	writing	sw i mming	giving
	meeting	r ea ding	sp ea king	h ea ring
	t al king	w al king	w or king	calling
rei	playing	h a ving	r ai ning	p ai nting
903	kn o wing	g o ing	d o ing	closing
at	living	b uy ing	finding	r i ding

b Practise saying the words.

More Words to Learn

Write translations and try to remember the words.

Word	Pronunciation	Translation	
neighbour noun	/'neɪbə/		
vio <u>lin</u> noun	/vaiə'lin/		
<u>ba</u> by noun	/'berbi/		
noisy adjective	/ˈnɔɪzi/		
friendly adjective	/'frendli/		
choose verb	/tʃuːz/		
argue verb	/ˈaːgjuː/		
cry verb	/kraɪ/		
bark verb	/ba:k/		
move verb	/mu:v/		

QUESTION TIME

Can you answer these questions?

- What are you doing now?
- Are you listening to music?
- 3 What are your parents doing?
- Are you doing this exercise at home?
- Do you have noisy neighbours?

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