

VInt Follow-Up Activities

Text Type: Reading

Week: 1

Title: The dangers of loud music

Author/Speaker: source : <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1503/150302-loud-music.html>

Follow-up Writing:

Paraphrase the following excerpts from the text, as you would if you were going to use the information as part of a summary.

1. The WHO director for injury prevention, Dr Etienne Krug, told the BBC that: "What we're trying to do is raise awareness of an issue that is not talked about enough." He said hearing loss is easily preventable.

2. Ralph Holme, a biomedical researcher, explained how loud noise can damage ears. He said: "Loud sounds damage your hearing by killing off thousands of little hair cells in the inner ear. The cells detect different pitches of sound through vibration...but they are very fragile and if they vibrate too much due to loud sounds for too long, they get damaged and die."

Follow-up Discussion:

1. Do you know of anyone who suffers from hearing loss? Do they think it could be related to loud music or other loud noise?
2. Do you think it is riskier to listen to loud music using ear buds or headphones, rather than listening "live"?
3. Use google or another search engine to research whether any professional musicians have experienced hearing loss later in life.
4. What other jobs might put people's hearing at risk? What about hobbies other than listening to loud music?
5. Why do you think people still like to listen to loud music, even when they know it may damage their hearing?