ILETS QUANG BINH. A NOISY PLACE. TRANSCRIPT

Describe a noisy place you have been to?

Well, last spring festival I went to my relative's house in the countryside. It was the first time I had spent the whole holiday with my family. Initially, I thought it must be a quiet place, right, since it's in the countryside? I was sick of all kinds of noise in the city so I was quite excited about going there, but unexpectedly, it was not quiet. Shockingly, it was pretty noisy there too.

When I got to there, I was having a rest and dogs kept barking all the time. Every house in the countryside has got dogs, so it was non-stop. Whenever I took a walk and passed by houses, dogs just started barking at me and it was super loud and noisy and also a little bit scary. Then at night, when I was about to go to sleep, frogs started croaking all night long, which made it very hard for me to fall asleep. The next morning, roosters began to crow before sunrise.

It wasn't just the animals that were making noise, the people made a lot of noise too. As it was the Spring Festival, people in the countryside set off lots of firecrackers. I can understand, maybe it's their tradition, but they set off these fireworks really early in the morning, like five or six o'clock, so you can imagine first came the roosters then the firecrackers, it was getting louder and noisier and my head was this close to exploding.
I couldn't have a good rest the whole time I was there, so I guess that was one noisy place that I will remember. It was not like city noise, like the crowds, the traffic and stuff, it was another kind of noise and I don't want to go there again.

Describe a noisy place you have been to?

Last Sunday, I went to Zara to buy some T-shirts. Zara is a clothing store, a very trendy one. They usually play rock music. When you set foot in the store, you feel the music rather than hear the music. The loud music give me a headache. I felt sensory deprivation so I quickly grabbed several t-shirts and went to the fitting room to try them on, but when I got there, I found the line was so long and everyone was talking loudly with their friends, because the music was so loud, they had to yell at each other, as if they were at a concert, and because they were so engaged in their conversations, they didn't notice they had left gaps in the line, anyone could have easily jumped the queue. It was a big waste of time. I was stuck in this loud and very annoying environment that I didn't want to be in, I wanted to get out. I quickly bought the t-shirts and took them home because I want to try them on in a nice and calm environment where I could take a look at myself.

The noise in Zara overloaded my senses. I understand that Zara uses music to attract young and trendy people and it's also possible that the employees and other customers there might like it, but for me personally, it was a bad experience. I would prefer to choose a pricier place if it was quieter.

VOCABULARY

attract (verb) - if you are attracted by something, it interests you and makes you want it

bark (verb) - when a dog barks, it makes a short, loud sound

calm (adjective) - not excited, nervous or upset

croaking (verb) - to make a rough low sound, like the sound a frog makes

crowd (noun) - a large number of people gathered together in a public place, for example in the streets or at a sports game

engaged (adjective) - busy doing something; involved with somebody/something in an active and interested way

explode (verb) - to burst, break apart or make something burst loudly and violently, causing damage

firecracker (noun) - a small firework that explodes with a loud noise

gap (noun) - a space where something is missing

initially (adverb) - at the beginning

overloaded (verb) - to put too great a load on something, to give somebody too much of something

pricier (adjective) - more expensive

queue (noun) - a line of people, cars, etc. waiting for something or to do something

rock music (noun) - a type of loud popular music, developed in the 1960s, with a strong beat played on electric guitars and drums

rooster (noun) - an adult male chicken

sense (noun) - an understanding about something, an ability to judge something

shockingly (adverb) - in a way that offends or upsets people, in a way that is morally wrong

tradition (noun) - a belief, custom or way of doing something that has existed for a long time among a particular group of people; a set of these beliefs or customs

trendy (adjective) - very fashionable

unexpectedly (adjective) - in a way that surprises you because you were not expecting it