

## PREPARE FOR IELTS. NOISE. TRANSCRIPT

*Describe someone or something that made a lot of noise. You should say:*

*Who made the noise*

*What the noise was like*

*What you did when you heard the noise*

*And explain how you felt about it*

I have to say that it didn't take me long to come up with an answer to this question because this happened very recently so it's still fresh in my mind. The person or rather 'the thing' I am going to talk about is a dog that made an awful lot of noise a few weeks ago.

I was working in my office, which is situated at the front of my house and normally it's fairly quiet. That particularly day, however, a dog, and I'm not sure which one because there are loads of dogs in our neighbourhood, started barking. The first few times, I thought nothing of it, but then I became more aware of it. Normally, I listen to music when I'm working but that day I was doing something that I needed to concentrate on so I was working in silence.

After about 15 minutes of incessant barking though, I couldn't stand it anymore and I had to turn on some music to drown out the sound. I was starting to get a migraine with it - it was driving me mad! The problem with any noise is that when you focus on it, you can't hear anything else. When I was growing up, we used to live near a church and every Thursday night, the bells rang, but honestly, I never noticed them, unless someone was visiting and they pointed them out. Then, I couldn't shut them out.

Finally, to my great relief, the dog stopped barking and peace was restored. For a few days, every time I heard a bark, I was filled with dread, but thankfully it hasn't happened again for such a long period.

## VOCABULARY

I can't/couldn't stand it - to hate someone or something

to be fresh in your mind - you can still remember it clearly

to drive you mad - to really annoy you

to be filled with dread - to have a strong negative feeling about something

aware (adjective) - knowing or realizing something

awful (adjective) - very bad or unpleasant

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

church (noun) - a building where Christians go to attend services, pray, etc.

concentrate (verb) - to give all your attention to something and not think about anything else

dread (verb) - to be very afraid of something; to fear that something bad is going to happen

fairly (adverb) - to some extent but not very

focus (verb) - to give attention, effort, etc. to one particular subject, situation or person rather than another

incessant (adjective) - never stopping

migraine (noun) - a very severe type of headache that often makes a person feel sick and have difficulty in seeing

period (noun) - a particular length of time

ring (verb) - to phone somebody/something

restored (verb) - to bring back a situation or feeling that existed before

situated (adjective) - in a particular place or position