

I. Complete the passage with the words from the box

honking

loss

commonly

source

referred

rural

unheard

even

A screaming child, TV blaring in the living room, a vacuum cleaner, loud music coming from a teen's bedroom: a busy home can be a (1) _____ of constant noise. Once you step outside, there's (2) _____ more noise pollution. On an average day, you may hear your neighbour's lawn mower, (3) _____ cars, sirens, maybe even ear-shattering sounds of a construction or a work site—a saw, a drill, a jackhammer. Welcome to the modern and very noisy - world. Unless you live in a very quiet (4) _____ area, you are no stranger to the phenomenon of environmental noise, (5) _____ called noise pollution. Noise pollution is often (6) _____ to as the "modern unseen plague" for good reason. It may be unseen but certainly not (7) _____! It disturbs us practically everywhere we go, day and night. And, besides leading to hearing (8) _____ it impacts our physical and mental health in more ways than one.