

PRACTICE 6

Old-fashioned headphones have been replaced with smaller ones that fit neatly into the ear, instead of over them, which intensifies the sound. In addition to that, digital music does not distort and keeps its crystal clear sound, even on loud settings, which encourages children to crank up the volume. Combine that with the fact that many children will spend hours listening to their iPods, and you have the recipe for hearing loss. Put into further perspective, most MP3 players can reach levels of 120 decibels, which is louder than a chainsaw or lawnmower. When you consider 85 decibels is the maximum safe decibel level set by hearing experts over the course of a working day, and that children will listen to music at higher decibel levels than that for long periods of time, a hearing will invariably suffer.

Question 1-5

Complete the table below

Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** from the passage for each answer.

How MP3 players can threaten the health

MP3 player features		Harmful results	Effects
Problem A	New 1..... fit inside ears	creates intense sound	
Problem B	2..... is distortion-free with clear quality sound	invites children to increase 3.....	damage to hair cells & loss of hearing
Problem C	capable of producing sound at 4.....	as loud as a lawnmower or chainsaw – over recommended safe 5.....	