

The Mosquito Tone- Part 2

Read and listen

Interviewer : Now, Mark, 1) **apart from** testing a person's age what is the Mosquito tone being used for ?

Mark : This has 1) **actually** become an interesting 3) **controversy**. Because the sound is so annoying and because only the young can hear it , the mosquito tone is being used to keep teenagers away from certain places.

Interviewer : What kind of places ?

Mark: Well, for example, from shopping centres . As you know, in some towns you get large groups of young people 4) **hanging around** shopping centres and causing trouble. And some shop owners say that these 5) **gangs** can annoy other customers, or frighten them away , which is obviously not good for business. So now these centres can now play the Mosquito Tone over their audio system and the groups of teenagers will feel uncomfortable and leave the area. But of course the sound won't annoy the other customers at all, 6) **as** they don't hear it.

Interviewer : Have you spoken to any of these shop owners ?

Mark : Yes, I have , and they said that the Mosquito Tone 6) **has worked very well** for them . And they also said that although it's true that the Mosquito Tone is certainly very annoying , it doesn't hurt the teenagers.

Interviewer : It sounds like rather a good idea to me. But you said that this was a controversy. Who's against it ?

Mark : Well , there are some groups of people who are trying to 7) **ban** the Mosquito Tone . They 8) **pointed out** a number of problems with it. Firstly they worry that the sound 9) **really is harmful** but more to the point they say that the Mosquito Tone affects all young people , some of whom are well-behaved and just want to go shopping. And finally they say that the mosquito tone doesn't actually stop the problem of teenage gangs , it just drives them from one place to another.

Interviewer : Those do seem like good points.

Mark: Yes, indeed. And there is also an interesting 10) **twist**. Some teenagers have discovered an advantage to the Mosquito Tone.

Interviewer : Oh, yes ?

Mark : Well, the Mosquito Tone has also been released as a ringtone for your mobile. So in secondary schools that don't permit mobile phones , teens can use their phones in class. They

can receive calls and messages during the lessons and teachers don't have any idea what is happening.

Interviewer : Because the teacher can't hear it !. That must really annoy them .

Mark : that's right . And if they can't hear it, they can't



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| 1) Apart from | a)) has been an advantage. |
| 2) Actually | b) a change. |
| 3) Controversy | c) besides |
| 4) Hanging around | d) emphasized /highlighted |
| 5) Gangs | e)debate with people showing divided opinions. |
| 6) Has worked very well | f) is in fact a real danger |
| 7) To ban | g) group of trouble-makers |
| 8) Pointed out | h) to prohibit / to make illegal |
| 9) Really harmful | i)staying in a place in a relaxed way. |
| 10) A twist | j) really |