

## A

According to the World Health Organization, **exposure** to noise from road traffic over long periods can lead to stress-related health problems. And where traffic noise exceeds a certain **threshold**, road builders have to spend money **erecting** sound barriers and installing double glazing in blighted homes. Houses become harder to sell where environmental noise is high, and people are not as efficient or productive at work.

## B

Already, researchers in the Netherlands – one of the most **densely populated** countries in the world – are working to develop techniques for silencing the roads. In the next five years, the Dutch government aims to have reduced noise levels from the country's road surfaces by six decibels overall. Dutch mechanical engineer Ard Kuijpers has come up with one of the most promising, and radical, ideas. He set out to tackle the three most important factors: surface texture, hardness, and ability to absorb sound.

*Which paragraph contains the following information?*

1. a summary of the different things affecting levels of noise on roads

Your answer:

2. various economic reasons for reducing road noise

Your answer:

Hoàn thành bảng từ vựng sau:

Sort elements

exposure to something      threshold

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