

Shanghai noise pollution issue

There are approximately 24 million people living in Shanghai, China. It is one of the world's most populated cities. The city is known as the entertainment, commercial and fashion capital of China. There is serious overpopulation, it is China's most crowded city and there is severe traffic congestion. According to government figures, there are around 27,000 noise complaints every year. The worst offenders include the ever-present loudspeakers, the constant construction work, firecrackers which are traditionally set off during China's many festivals, car horns, rickshaws and taxis. All of these combined contribute to noise levels which measure over 100 decibels. To put this in perspective, this is as loud as a jet plane taking off. This continues around the clock, 24 hours a day. But, in recent months, Shanghai has looked to a much smaller city for ways to successfully reduce noise pollution. The city of Yinchuan in northwest China came out as the quietest of 46 cities in China following an environmental survey. Despite more than two million people living there, the city boasts a decibel level of only 50.1, half that of Shanghai, and about as loud as a flowing stream.

The city has achieved this by moving all the noisy factories out of the urban areas and banning drivers from honking their horns. Back in Shanghai, people are no longer allowed to play musical instruments or other audio equipment in parks and other public areas between 10pm and 6am.

1.- How many people live in Shanghai? Answer using letters only.

2.- According to the text, Shanghai is commonly known for:

- A. For being the entertainment, commercial and fashion capital of China
- B. For being the world's most populated city.
- C. Both "A" and "B" prompts are correct.

3.- What are some of the worst offenses mentioned in the text? Write 3 of them.

4.- How many people live in Yinchuan? Answer using letters only.

5.- What has Yinchuan done to be 46th quietest city in China?

- A.- Moving all their factories away from rural areas and banning commuting inside the city.
- B.- Moving in all their factories into urban areas and allowing drivers to honk their horns
- C.- Moving all their factories away from urban areas and banning drivers from honking their horns.

6.- Are people in Shanghai allowed to listen to music all night? Use yes/no answer structure

7.- What does the text say about the noise level of Yinchuan compared to Shanghai?

A. It is twice the noise level of Shanghai.

B.- It is 50% less noisy than Shanghai

C.- Their noise level is about the same

Vocabulary.

Drag the words in the gap that fits the best according to the pictures shown.

Overpopulation

Dangerous

Indoor

Healthy

Commute




