

A NEW KIND OF POLLUTION

Read the text and write the word that fits best. Look at the example.

Air pollution is a well-known problem, but now light pollution (0) is also causing concern. Light pollution occurs because there are many electric lights around us which are so powerful that (1) _____ stop us seeing the stars in the night sky. It is now (2) _____ a problem that in some places people (3) _____ outdoor lighting is too bright could even (4) _____ given a heavy fine. Business owners, supermarkets and even home-owners (5) _____ install security lights may face legal action if their lights are (6) _____ bright that they spoil their neighbor's enjoyment of the night sky.

Amazingly, many children growing up in big cities today (7) _____ never seen the night sky properly because of the increase in light pollution. And it is (8) _____ only in cities - people living in the country are also affected (9) _____ lights from nearby towns. It is a problem for those simply trying to enjoy the stars, and for serious astronomers (10) _____ well.

One university in the UK has come up (11) _____ an interesting solution. It has built a telescope in the Canary Islands and allows schools to use this via the internet. But it does seem ridiculous that children can't see the stars properly (12) _____ using their computers!

