

LISTENING COMPREHENSION – ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

You are going to hear a news report about illegal fireworks.

I) Before listening, read the list of vocabulary and try to guess what the three phrases below might mean (1-2 sentences each).

Vocabulary:

black market display	- an illegal firework
violation	- a person who does something illegal
patrols	- police controls
confiscate	- take away from somebody
cause a lot of havoc	- create chaos and destruction
law enforcement officer	- police man
concede	- admit
humongous	- really huge
deceiving	- misleading

- *light up the night sky*

- *finer are going up*

- *police have handed out 5 tickets already*

II) Now listen to the recording; you are going to hear the recording twice; take notes while listening and then answer the questions below (2-3 sentences each):

1. What will the police do to reduce the number of illegal fireworks?
2. Why are illegal fireworks so problematic?
3. Do police officers usually find the people who have caused havoc with illegal fireworks? Which problems do they have trying to find violators?
4. How much did violators previously have to pay for shooting illegal fireworks? How much is the fee now? How high will it be next year?
5. Is it an excuse if you say that you didn't know which kind of fireworks was illegal? How can you be sure that fireworks are legal?

III) Free writing; choose one of the two tasks and write 180-200 words:

- a) Two teenage boys have been caught with illegal fireworks. Now, a police officer is asking their parents to pay the \$ 750 fine. However, they don't accept that they should pay it. Write a discussion, including reasons for both sides.
- b) Your house has been damaged by illegal fireworks. However, the violators have not been found. Write an open letter to the local newspaper explaining your situation, mentioning the dangers of illegal fireworks and asking the violators to turn themselves in to the police.