

# Pickleball noise causes problems in Hanoi

## Vocabulary Match

upset ●

concentrate ●

authorities ●

pressure ●

hazard ●

issue ●

● stress

● danger

● distressed

● officials

● problem

● focus

## Article

In Hanoi, Vietnam, pickleball has become very popular, but it is causing noise problems. The game, which is played with paddles and a plastic ball, makes a loud "pop-pop" sound. This noise starts early in the morning and continues late into the night. Many people are upset because they cannot sleep or concentrate.

Hoa Nguyen, who lives near a pickleball court, said, "The noise makes it impossible for me to sleep." She has complained to local authorities.

The sport has grown quickly in Vietnam, with many new courts built in crowded city areas. However, the noise is causing stress and health issues. Some people have even moved away because of it. The government is under pressure to find a solution to this "acoustic hazard."

## Quiz

1. What problem is pickleball causing in Hanoi?
2. When does the pickleball noise start and end?
3. Who complained to the local authorities about the noise?
4. What is the government being pressured to find?

## Conversation

A: Have you heard about the pickleball noise problem?

B: Yes, it's driving me crazy! I can't sleep at all.

A: I know, Hoa Nguyen even complained to the authorities.

B: I hope they find a solution soon. It's so stressful!

A: Maybe they should build soundproof courts!

B: That would be amazing! I'd finally get some peace.

## Discussion

1. Have you ever played a noisy game?
2. What do you do when you can't sleep because of noise?
3. Who is the noisiest person in your family? How so?
4. Would you like to try pickleball? Why or why not?