

Man arrested for playing loud music in Kyoto

Vocabulary Match

allegedly ● amplifiers ● measured ● decibels ● constant ● arrested ●

● caught ● always ● checked ● supposedly ● volume ● speakers

Article

Kazunori Yokoi, a 61-year-old man from Kyoto, loved playing the guitar, but his neighbours did not enjoy his music. For more than seven years, Yokoi allegedly played his dozens of guitars and loud music day and night. Some elderly neighbours became unable to sleep and suffered health problems because of the constant noise.

After many warnings, police finally arrested him and took more than 40 guitars, along with amplifiers and music players, from his home. The noise was measured at over 80 decibels, similar to the sound inside a moving train. Yokoi's passion for music had become a serious problem for the people around him.

Quiz

1. How old is Kazunori Yokoi?
2. What did Yokoi allegedly do for more than seven years?
3. What health problems did the neighbours experience?
4. How loud was the noise measured in decibels?

Conversation

A: Hey, did you hear about Yokoi getting arrested?

B: Yeah, I heard the police took all his guitars!

A: I bet the neighbours are happy now.

B: For sure, they can finally get some sleep.

A: I wonder if Yokoi will find a quieter hobby.

B: Maybe he'll start playing the air guitar instead!

Discussion

1. Do you play any musical instruments?
2. What would you do if your neighbour played loud music all the time?
3. What do you think should happen to Yokoi's guitars?
4. What hobbies can people enjoy without disturbing others?