

Sound of Silence - articles

Hello darkness, my old friend
I've come to talk with you again
Because 1 _____ vision softly creeping
Left its seeds while I was sleeping
And 2 _____ vision that was planted in my brain
Still remains within 3 _____ sound of silence

In restless dreams, I walked alone
Narrow streets of cobblestone
'Neath 4 _____ halo of 5 _____ street lamp
I turned my collar to 6 _____ cold and damp
When my eyes were stabbed by 7 _____ flash of a neon light
That split the night, and touched the sound of silence

And in 8 _____ naked light I saw
Ten thousand people, maybe more
People talking without speaking
People hearing without listening
People writing songs that voices never shared
And no one dared disturb 9 _____ sound of silence

"Fools," said I, "You do not know
Silence like 10 _____ cancer grows
Hear my words that I might teach you
Take my arms that I might reach you"
But my words, like silent raindrops, fell
And echoed in 11 _____ wells of silence

And 12 _____ people bowed and prayed
To the neon god they made
And the sign flashed out its warning
In the words that it was forming
And the sign said, "The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls and tenement halls
And whispered in the sound of silence"

A Morning Commute

My workplace is quite a distance from my home, about 50 miles away. Every morning, I need to rise early because I'm always in a hurry. There never seems to be enough time to relax at breakfast. Precisely at 6:00 am, I step into my car and start my long drive.

I generally prefer driving on the highway rather than in the city. However, during the morning rush hour, it's not as pleasant. The heavy traffic can be a little frustrating. So, I often turn on my favourite classical music CDs in the car – Chopin, Mozart, and Bach. It's a great way to lift my spirits.

The journey to my workplace takes about an hour. The return trip home in the evening, after a day's work, takes even longer, perhaps around 70 minutes. Recently, I've been thinking of taking the train to work instead of driving. That way, I could still enjoy my music with headphones and perhaps even delve into a novel during the commute.

Did you understand the text? Answer these questions:

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| 1. When does the person wake up every morning? | 2. How is driving during the morning rush hour described? |
| a) Late in the morning | a) It's classical |
| b) At exactly 6:00 AM | b) Not very enjoyable |
| c) Early in the morning | c) It's relaxing |
| d) After the morning rush hour | d) Not as much fun as walking |
| 3. What kind of music CDs does the person enjoy listening to in the car? | 4. How long might the evening drive back home take? |
| a) Jazz | a) 50 minutes |
| b) Heavy metal | b) Less than the drive in the morning |
| c) Disco | c) 70 kilometres |
| d) Classical | d) Around 70 minutes |
| 5. What else does the person think they could do if they took a train to work? | |
| a) Read a novel | |
| b) Sing songs | |
| c) Do crossword puzzles | |
| d) Write a book | |

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