NORTHSTAR 2e *High Intermediate* Name _____

Video Activity Worksheet
Unit 10: Technology
Noise Pollution

Predict
In this video you will learn about one of the symptoms of modern society- noise pollution. Before you watch the video, answer the following question.

What is the difference between noise and noise pollution?

Focus
Watch the video. Find the answer to the following question.

What is a decibel?

Comprehension
A. Answer the questions.

1. What are three ways that noise pollution can affect your health?
2. What can we do to minimize damage to our hearing?

B. Check (✓) the words that describe the tone of this video.

___ angry ___ cheerful ___ humorous
___ concerned ___ serious

C. Put the items in order from softest (1) to loudest (6) noise.

____thunder ____street traffic ____highway traffic
____bus passing ____jet airplane ____dropped pin

Discussion
- Were you surprised by the information in this video? Do you see noise pollution as a serious issue?
- Are you very sensitive to sound? Do you do anything to protect your hearing? How noisy is it where you live or work? Which sounds irritate you most?
- Have you ever complained about a noise? What was it? What was the result of your complaint?
- While many conveniences of modern society have added noise, like car alarms and ringing cell phones, some things have gotten quieter with better technology. Think of some examples of this. Do you think the world will get noisier or quieter in the future?

Writing
Your neighbor has a loud car alarm that seems to go off all the time even if no one is near the car. Yesterday, your neighbor was away from the house and the alarm rang for an hour and half. Not only is the sound unbearable, you think you are suffering from the effects of noise pollution. Write a letter of complaint to your neighbor. Use the ideas, vocabulary, and grammar from the video and your *Northstar* Student Book to help you.

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