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Mosquitoes and teenagers

In this week's programme, Jackie and Callum talk about a new device which some people are using to get rid of gangs of teenagers. The 'mosquito' emits an annoying sound which only young people can hear. Is it a good way of stopping young people from causing trouble?

This week's question: What is a citizen's arrest?

- a) when a member of the public is arrested by a police officer
- b) when members of the public vote on whether someone should be arrested
- c) when a member of the public arrests another member of the public

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Vocabulary from the programme

antisocial behaviour

behaviour that may upset, annoy or offend other people, for example, stealing, damaging property or shouting loudly

Example: *This town has a huge problem with antisocial behaviour at night.*

an antisocial behaviour order / an ASBO

a civil order made against a person who has engaged in anti-social behaviour, it gives them rules about things they must not do

Example: *He's been given an ASBO which prevents him from drinking in public places.*

binge drinking

drinking large quantities of alcohol in one go

Example: *Years of binge drinking has made her ill.*

a mosquito

here, a small device that makes an unpleasant sound (a bit like that of the insect, mosquito) that young people can hear and older people can't. It's used by some people to try and get rid of gangs of teenagers.

it's indiscriminate

it may affect many people, not just those targeted, without any thought about what harm it may cause

to be law-abiding

to obey the law and not commit crimes

Example: *Law-abiding people shouldn't have to put up with this!*

the root cause of the problem



the underlying reason for the problem

Example: *She thinks the root cause of antisocial behaviour is poor education.*

a citizen's arrest

when a member of the public arrests another member of the public

Example: *Mr Patel made a citizen's arrest when he caught a man stealing from a shop.*

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