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Unit 1

Non-stop Digital Media

随着无线网络技术的发展和移动设备的普及,一支号称"低头族"的大军正迅速崛起并日益壮大。他们普遍存在听力下降、眼睛疲劳、"手机手""颈椎病"等亚健康症状;他们沉迷于互联网构筑的虚拟世界,整日里俯首弓背、行色匆匆、淡漠社交,很多都沦为了"逼婚族"。这一切令人不由深思:该如何尽力避免科技发展带来的弊病呢?

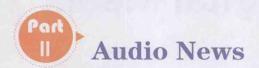


Picture Description

Describe the following pictures and predict what will be talked about in this unit.







Did you know ...?

Fact

Nowadays, everyone seems to be listening to music with *a portable electronic device* in one form or another. However, studies show there are potential *hazards* behind this craze.

Language Tip

Hearing loss means an increase in the threshold of audibility caused by age, infirmity,

or prolonged exposure to intense noise.

Culture Tip

International Ear Care Day is an annual advocacy event held on 3 March. Designated at the First International Conference on Prevention and Rehabilitation of Hearing Impairment in Beijing, China in 2007, the Day aims to raise awareness and promote ear and hearing care across the world.

2A Discussion

Before you listen to the news, discuss with your partner about "the potential hazards of listening to music with earbuds for a long time".

2B Topic-related Words and Collocations

Match the underlined words and expressions with their explanations based on the contexts.

Sentences	Explanations		
1. They were asked about their use of portable			
music devices. Some of the most popular are Apple	A. small earphones worn in the ea		
Computer's iPod, C.D. players and portable laptop	for use with a mobile phone		
computers.			
2. Forty percent of students and adults said they set the			
sound levels, or volume , at high on their iPods.	B. easily or conveniently transported		

Sentences	Explanations	
3. They say large earphones that cover the whole ear are probably safer than the smaller earbuds that come with most music players.	C. not capable of being reversed or returned to the original condition	
4. Earbuds are thought to be less effective than earphones in blocking out foreign noises .	D. the magnitude of sound	
5. Hearing loss may not be apparent for years. But once it happens, it is permanent .	E. to prevent noises outside	

2C True-false

- Listen to the news for the first time and decide whether the following statements are true or false.
- Studies show listening to music with electronic devices in an inappropriate way may lead to hearing loss.
- The study found that adults were more likely to suffer from hearing loss than students.
- Earbuds are considered to be more effective than earphones in warding off external noises.
- According to experts, hearing loss from loud noises happens immediately and can be recovered within a short time.
- 5. To protect hearing, it's better to control the sound level and listening time while

listening to music.

2D Blank Filling

Listen to the news again and complete the following passage with the words or expressions you hear.

Electronic devices are changing the way people listen to music. But studies show the devices may be causing ______ in many people. Some experts say people may be playing them too loud and for too long.

Researchers from Zogby International did a study for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. It involved three hundred high school students and one thousand adults. They were asked about their use of portable music devices. Some of the most popular are Apple Computer's iPod, C.D. players and ______2__.

Forty percent of students and adults said they _____3____, or volume, at high on their iPods. But students were two times more likely to play the music at a very loud volume. More than half of the students said they would probably not limit their listening time. And about a third said they were not likely to ____4___.

The study found that more than half of the students and less than forty percent of the adults had at least one kind of hearing loss. Some reported difficulty hearing parts of a discussion between two people. Others said they had to _____5 ___ on a television or radio to hear it better. And, some experienced ringing in their ears or other noises.

Hearing experts say part of the problem is _____6 ___ people are using. They say

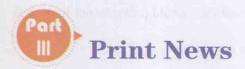
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Hearing loss may not be apparent for years. But once it happens, it is ______7__.

About thirty million Americans have some hearing loss. One third of them lost their hearing as a result of loud noises.

Experts at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota say any sound above ninety decibels for long periods may cause some hearing loss. But most portable music players can produce sounds up to one hundred twenty decibels.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association is working with manufacturers and government officials on setting rules for use of portable music devices. The group says the best way to protect your hearing is to reduce the volume, limit listening time and using earphones that _____8__.



Did you know ...?

Fact

Experts say a long sit may lead to all kinds of health hazards.

Language Tip

Sedentary means requiring sitting or little activity.

3A Discussion

Look at the following picture and discuss with your partner about "the health hazards of sitting too much". Refer to the topic-related expressions given in the box if necessary.



slump in a chair pose a threat to be at risk

3B Interview

Interview five of your classmates about their habits of sitting and complete the following table.

Interviewee	Habits of sitting	Time length of sitting per day	Sedentary tasks	Health problems
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The Health Hazards of Sitting

We know sitting too much is bad, and most of us intuitively feel a little guilty after a long TV binge. But what exactly goes wrong in our bodies when we park ourselves for nearly eight hours per day, the average for a U.S. adult? Many things, say four experts, who detailed a chain of problems from head to toe.

Organ damage

Heart disease

Muscles burn less fat and blood flows more *sluggishly* during a long sit, allowing fatty acids to more easily clog the heart. *Prolonged* sitting has been linked to high blood pressure and elevated cholesterol¹, and people with the most *sedentary* time are more than twice as likely to have cardiovascular disease² than those with the least.

Overproductive pancreas³

The pancreas produces insulin⁴, a hormone that carries glucose⁵ to cells for energy. But cells in idle muscles don't respond as readily to insulin, so the pancreas produces more and more, which can lead to diabetes and other diseases. A 2011 study found a decline in insulin response after just one day of prolonged sitting.

Colon cancer

Studies have linked sitting to a greater risk for colon, breast and endometrial cancers. The reason is unclear, but one theory is that excess insulin encourages cell growth. Another is that regular movement boosts natural antioxidants that kill cell-