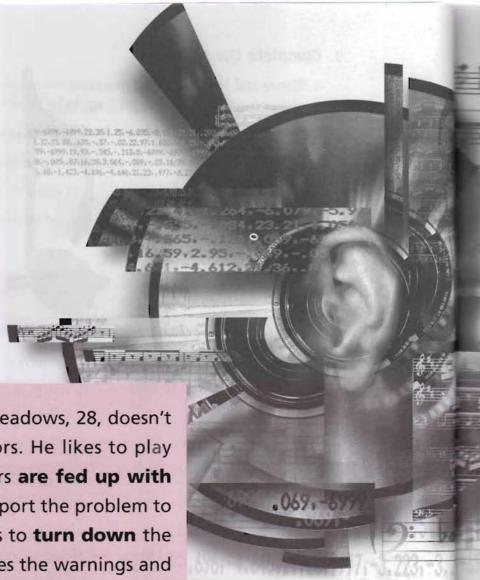
# Neighbors Fed Up with Loud Music

#### 1. Quick Reading

Look at the pictures on page 43. What is the story about? Now read quickly to get the main idea.

LONDON, ENGLAND <sup>1</sup>James Meadows, 28, doesn't get along with his neighbors. He likes to play loud music. <sup>2</sup>But his neighbors are fed up with it. <sup>3</sup>Again and again they report the problem to the police. They tell Meadows to turn down the volume. <sup>4</sup>But Meadows ignores the warnings and continues to play loud music. <sup>5</sup>Finally, the police take away his \$700 stereo. They smash it with a hammer on a public street. "This is a warning to everyone. Neighbors have rights," they say. <sup>6</sup>But Meadows is steaming. "The police should go after criminals, not music lovers," he says.



New idioms and expressions

**be fed up (with someone or something)** · · · · · be tired of; be at the end of your patience (with someone or something)

get along (with someone)\* · · · · · · · · · have a good relationship (with someone)

again and again ..... many times; repeatedly

turn something down\* ..... make something less loud or less strong

take something away\* · · · · · · · · remove something

be steaming · · · · · · be angry

go after someone or something\* ..... try to get or catch someone or something

\*phrasal verb (see Lexicon and Appendix D)

#### 2. Listen

Cover the story and look only at these pictures. Listen to the story two or three times.



3. Read the Story

Now read the story carefully. Pay special attention to the idioms so that you're ready for Exercise 4.

### 4. Complete the Idiom

Cover page 42. Look at each definition below and then complete the idiom.

a. be angry = be \_\_\_\_\_\_

b. try to get or catch = go \_\_\_\_\_

c. have a good relationship with = get \_\_\_\_ with

d. many times = again and \_\_\_\_\_

e. be tired of = be \_\_\_ up with

### 5. Tell the Story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Tell the story using as many idioms as you can.

a. First, work with the whole class to retell the story.

b. Then tell the story to a partner or small group.

6.	Answer the Questions
	About the story
	a. How do Meadows' neighbors feel about his music?
	b. What do they do about it?
	c. What do the authorities tell Meadows?
	d. Does he listen to them?
	e. What do the police finally do with the stereo?
	f. How does Meadows feel about it?
	g. Do you think the police did the right thing?
	About you
	h. Do you get along with your neighbors?
	i. Do they do anything that you are fed up with?
	j. Do you like loud music? If so, do people ask you to turn it down?
	k. Are you steaming about something now? If so, what?
7.	Write About Yourself
	Complete the sentences, writing something true about yourself.
	a. I'm fed up with
	because
	b. I like to
	again and again.
	c. I get along well with
	because
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## 9. Complete the Story

- a. Read the true story and fill in the blanks with idioms from the box.
- is steaming
- again and again
- going after
- · get along with
- is fed up with

# **Man Arrested for Piano Playing**

ORONO, ME, USA Robert Noland doesn't (1)\_ neighbor. Noland has a Master's degree in piano, and he plays concerts all over the U.S. and Europe. When he is at home, he practices the piano a lot. Sometimes plays the same \_. But his  $(2)_{-}$ neighbor, Mary Lou Dall, (3)\_



the noise.

One day Noland is practicing the piano. It's very hot and his windows are open. Two police officers appear at his door. They tell Noland that Mary Lou Dall has called them about his loud music. "You have to stop playing or shut the windows," they say.

Noland ignores the warning. He keeps on\* playing the piano with the windows open. The police return and arrest him. Noland is waiting to go to court, and he (4)\_\_\_\_\_ me? I'm not drunk in are the police (5)\_\_\_ the middle of the street. I'm only playing the piano!" he says.

\* keep on doing something: continue doing something recycled idiom: at home

b. Read or tell the story to a partner.