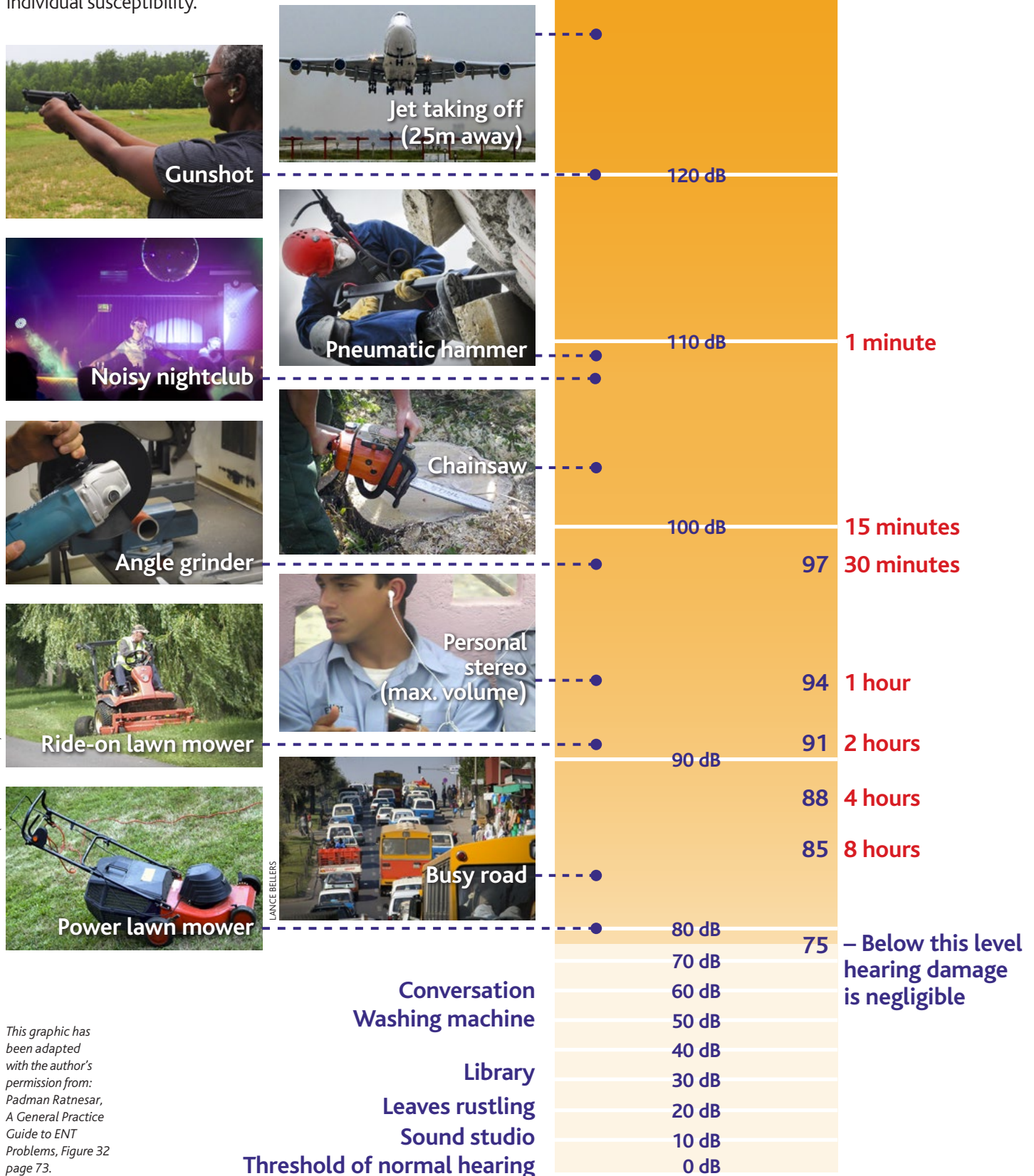
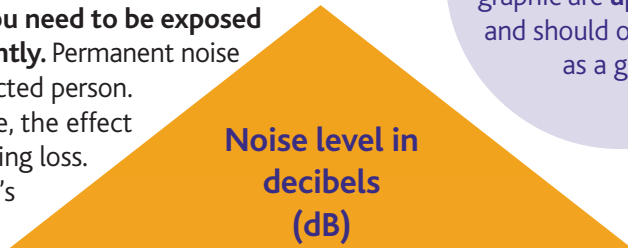


The effect of noise on hearing

Important note:
the noise levels and durations indicated on this graphic are **approximate** and should only be used as a guide.

The times shown on the graphic indicate how long you need to be exposed to the noise for your hearing to be damaged permanently. Permanent noise damage is often not immediately perceptible by the affected person. However, over time and with repeated exposure to noise, the effect will be cumulative and manifest itself as permanent hearing loss.

The damaging effect of noise also depends on a person's distance from the source of the noise and on their individual susceptibility.



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