Sounds and the human voice

VOCABULARY BANK

1 SOUNDS



a 4.7 All the words from the list can be both nouns and regular verbs. Many of them are onomatopoeic (they sound like the sound they describe). Listen to the sounds and the words.

bang /bæŋ/ buzz /bʌz/ click /klɪk/ crash /kræʃ/
creak /kriːk/ crunch /krʌntʃ/ drip /drɪp/ hiss /hɪs/
hoot /huːt/ hum /hʌm/ rattle /ˈrætl/ roar /rɔː/ screech /skriːtʃ/
slam /slæm/ slurp /slɜːp/ sniff /snɪf/ snore /snɔː/ splash /splæʃ/
tap /tæp/ tick /tɪk/ whistle /ˈwɪsl/

b Complete the **Sounds** column with the words from the list in **a**.

	Sounds
1 This clock has a very loud ___.	*tick*
2 Don't ___! Get a tissue and blow your nose.	
3 To get the new software, just ___ on the 'download' icon.	
4 There was a ___ as he jumped into the swimming pool.	
5 Did you hear that ___? It sounded like a gun.	
6 I heard a floorboard ___ and I knew somebody had come into the room.	
7 I could hear the ___ of a fly, but I couldn't see it anywhere.	
8 I hate people who ___ at me when I slow down at an amber light.	
9 When I'm nervous, I often ___ my fingers on the table.	
10 Don't ___ your soup! Eat it quietly.	
11 The snake reared its head and gave an angry ___.	
12 Please turn the tap off properly, otherwise it'll ___.	
13 We could hear the ___ of the crowd in the football stadium from our hotel.	
14 Some of the players carried on playing because they hadn't heard the ___.	
15 I don't remember the words of the song, but I can ___ the tune.	
16 Please don't ___ the door. Close it gently.	
17 I heard the ___ of their feet walking through the crisp snow.	
18 I can't share a room with you if you ___ – I won't be able to sleep.	
19 Every time a bus or lorry goes by, the windows ___.	
20 I heard the ___ of brakes as the driver tried to stop and then a loud ___.	

c 4.8 Listen and check.



2 THE HUMAN VOICE

a Match the verbs and definitions.

giggle /ˈgɪgl/ groan /grəʊn/
mumble /ˈmʌmbl/ scream /skriːm/
sigh /saɪ/ sob /sɒb/ stammer /ˈstæmə/
whisper /ˈwɪspə/ yell /jel/

1 scream = to make a loud, high cry because you are hurt, frightened, or excited
2 _____ (*at sb*) = to shout loudly, e.g. because you are angry
3 _____ (*at sth*) = to laugh in a silly way
4 _____ (*to sb*) = to speak very quietly, so that other people can't hear what you're saying
5 _____ = to speak or say sth in a quiet voice in a way that is not clear
6 _____ = to make a long deep sound because you are in pain or annoyed
7 _____ = (or stutter) to speak with difficulty, often repeating sounds or words
8 _____ = to cry noisily, taking sudden sharp breaths
9 _____ = to let out a long deep breath, e.g. to show that you are disappointed or tired

b 4.9 Listen and check.

c Answer the questions using one of the verbs in **a**.

What do people do...?

- when they are nervous
- when they are terrified
- when they lose their temper
- when they are not supposed to be making any noise
- when they are amused or embarrassed
- when they speak without opening their mouth enough
- when they are relieved
- when their team misses a penalty
- when they are very unhappy about something

ACTIVATION Choose five sounds from **1** and two verbs from **2**. Make the sounds for your partner to identify.

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