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bang /bæŋ/ buzz /bzʌz/ click /klɪk/ crash /kræʃ/
creak /kri:k/ crunch /krʌntʃ/ drip /drɪp/ hiss /hɪs/
hoot /hʊt/ hum /hʌm/ rattle /rætl/ roar /rɔ:/ screech /skri:tʃ/
slam /slæm/ slurp /slɜ:p/ sniff /snɪf/ snore /snɔ:/ splash /splæʃ/
tap /tæp/ tick /tɪk/ whistle /wɪsl/

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

- 1 This clock has a very loud ...
- 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 /'giggl/ groan /'grən/
mumble /'mʌmbl/ scream /skri:m/
sigh /saɪ/ sob /sɒb/ stammer /'stæmə/
whisper /'wɪspə/ yell /jet/

- 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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