

Sounds and the human voice

VOCABULARY BANK



1 SOUNDS

a (2) 16)) All the words in the list can be both nouns and regular verbs, and they describe sounds. Many of the words are onomatopoeic, (i.e., they sound like the sound they describe). Listen to the sounds and the words.

bang buzz click crash creak crunch drip hiss
honk hum rattle roar screech slam slurp sniff
snore splash tap tick whistle

b Now complete the **Sounds** column with a word from the list.

Sounds

- 1 This clock has a very loud . _____
- 2 Don't ! Get a tissue and blow your nose. _____
- 3 To download 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 lay there hearing the of a fly, but I couldn't see it anywhere. _____
- 8 I hate people who at me when I slow down at a yellow 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 faucet off properly otherwise it'll . _____
- 13 We could hear the of the crowd in the baseball stadium from our hotel. _____
- 14 Some of the players went 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 truck goes by, the windows . _____
- 20 I heard the of brakes as the driver tried to stop and then a loud . _____

2 THE HUMAN VOICE

a Match the verbs and definitions.

giggle groan mumble scream sigh
sob stutter whisper yell

- 1 _____ 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 are 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 _____ to speak with difficulty, often repeating sounds or words
- 8 _____ to cry noisily, taking sudden sharp breaths
- 9 _____ to take in and then let out a long deep breath that can be heard, e.g., to show that you are disappointed

b Answer the questions using one of the verbs above.

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 speak without opening their mouth enough
- when they are relieved
- when they are disappointed
- when they are deeply saddened

Can you remember the words on this page?
Test yourself or a partner.

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