

## Read and listen to a radio .The Mosquito Tone. Part I



**Interviewer** : Welcome back. Up next, age and . We know how hard it can be to tell someone 's age, but in fact it turns out ( it happens ) there may be a **the generation gap ( The space separating two generations )** way that ' s quite simple. It' s called the " Mosquito Tone Test" , and Mark is here to tell us more.

**Mark** : Thanks, Sue. The Mosquito tone is a sound – **a very high pitched( piercing sound )** , very annoying sound , which is why it' s named after the insect . What' s interesting is that . apparently , **as we age (when we grow old )** , we slowly lose our ability to hear this sound . According to scientists , almost everyone under the age of 25 can hear the Mosquito Tone, but almost no one over 25 can hear it !

**Interviewer** : Really ! Is that right ?

**Mark** : Yes , And **to test this out ( to prove it )** , I actually played the tone for my family last night. My wife and I heard absolutely nothing at all but our teenage daughter could hear it , and in fact, they complained that it was an irritating sound that was quite painful to hear.

**Interviewer** : Oh no ! Well, at the risk of irritating some of our younger listeners' ears , why don' t we play the tone **briefly ( for a short time )** now ?

**Mark** : OK, here goes. I' m playing the tone in 3,2,1 ...

**Interviewer** : Have you played the tone yet ?

**Mark** : I just did. Or, at least, I think I did.

**Interviewer** : Well, I suppose that just confirms that neither of us are under 25 ?

Click on the right statement only.

- 1) The mosquito test can show if you are under or over 25 years old.
- 2) The sound made by a mosquito is irritating.
- 3) Both the interviewer and Mark are over 25.
- 4) Mark' s daughter refused to listen to the mosquito tone.
- 5) Only adults listen to this radio programme.