

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.