

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 /kɪk/ crash /kræʃ/
creak /kri:k/ crunch /krʌntʃ/ drip /drɪp/ hiss /hɪs/
hoot /hu:t/ 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 /ˈwɪsl/

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

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

- c 4.8 Listen and check.



2 THE HUMAN VOICE

- a Match the verbs and definitions.

giggle /ˈɡɪɡl/ groan /ɡroʊn/
mumble /ˈmʌmbəl/ scream /skri:m/
sigh /saɪ/ sob /sɒb/ stammer /ˈstæmə/
whisper /ˈwɪspə/ yell /jel/

- scream = to make a loud, high cry because you are hurt, frightened, or excited
- (at sb) = to shout loudly, e.g. because you are angry
- (at sth) = to laugh in a silly way
- (to sb) = to speak very quietly, so that other people can't hear what you're saying
- = to speak or say sth in a quiet voice in a way that is not clear
- = to make a long deep sound because you are in pain or annoyed
- = (or stutter) to speak with difficulty, often repeating sounds or words
- = to cry noisily, taking sudden sharp breaths
- = 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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