

SOUNDS



1. Match the sound on the left with their sources on the right. Think about how the word “sounds”.

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| a) roar | ___ a carbonated drink |
| b) howl | ___ a lion |
| c) screech | ___ a steak |
| d) chime | ___ car tyres |
| e) fizz | ___ church bells |
| f) sizzle | ___ rain |
| g) patter | ___ wind |

2. Listen to six sounds and match them to the sentences below:

- a) The angry lion let out a booming roar. ___
- b) The car made a piercing screech as the driver managed to brake in time ___
- c) She tried to talk to me on Skype, but I could only hear the muffled sound of her microphone.
- d) The announcer’s voice was practically inaudible. I had no idea which platform to go to _____
- e) I was standing right next to the speakers at the concert. The sound was deafening. _____
- f) The door opened with a creaky sound. ___

3. Now complete the definitions with the underlined words:

- a) _____ (adj) loud and deep
- b) _____ (adj) unable to be heard.

- c) _____ (adj) extremely loud
- d) _____ (adj) quiet and unclear
- e) _____ (adj) very high-pitched, loud and unpleasant
- f) _____ (adj) high-pitched sound caused by movement.

4. Animal sounds. Complete the similes below:

bark chirp croak grunt hiss
howl neigh quack squeak roar

- a) _____ like a lion
- b) _____ like a bird
- c) _____ like a dog
- d) _____ like a horse
- e) _____ like a wolf
- f) _____ like a duck
- g) _____ like a snake
- h) _____ like a frog
- i) _____ like a pig
- j) _____ like a mouse

5. Match the underlined words with the definitions below. Try to work out the meaning of each word from its context.

- a. What's all the commotion about? Is there a celebrity in town?
- b. The kids were making quite a racket with their new drum kit.
- c. The announcement that the government was going to cut spending caused an uproar.
- d. Can you hear the applause? He must have won the match already.
- e. His performance was terrible, He deserved all that booing.
- f. I couldn't hear a word he was saying because of the constant drone of the traffic outside.
- A low continuous unchanging noise
- An unpleasant, loud continuous noise
- A sudden short period of noise and confusion
- Noise caused by people complaining about something angrily.
- Noise that shows praise and approval, e.g. clapping
- Shouts of disapproval.