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No man should live where he can hear his neighbor's dog bark.
Nathaniel Macon, American politician

4A Sounds interesting

1 SOUNDS



a 2 22 All the words in 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 /klɪk/ 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 /'wɪsl/

b Now complete the **Sounds** column with the words in the list.

		Sounds
1	This clock has a very loud ____.	*tick*
2	Don't ____! Get a tissue and blow your nose.	
3	To get 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 could hear the ____ of a fly, but I couldn't see it anywhere.	
8	I hate people who ____ at me when I slow down at an amber light.	

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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 tap off properly, otherwise it'll ____. _____
13 We could hear the ____ of the crowd in the football stadium from our hotel. _____
14 Some of the players carried 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 lorry goes by, the windows ____. _____
20 I heard the ____ of brakes as the driver tried to stop and then a loud ____. _____

c 2 23)) Listen and check.

2 THE HUMAN VOICE

a Match the verbs and definitions.

giggle /ˈgɪgl/ groan /grəʊn/ mumble /ˈmʌmbl/
scream /skriːm/ sigh /saɪ/ sob /sɒb/
stammer /ˈstæmə/ whisper /ˈwɪspə/ yell /jel/

1 *scream* 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're saying

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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 _____ (or stutter) 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, e.g. to show that you are disappointed or tired

b 2.24 Listen and check.

1 VOCABULARY sounds and the human voice

a Circle the correct word.

1 The children ran out of the room because of the large bee *hissing* / *buzzing* around the window.

2 She was *banging* / *tapping* her finger on the table, waiting for her brother to answer his phone.

3 There was a loud *bang* / *slam* as the fireworks went off.

4 I can't stand people who *slurp* / *drip* their soup when they eat it.

5 I had to get up and lock the door because it was *hooting* / *rattling* in the wind.

6 The cat arched its back and *hissed* / *whistled* at us as we walked in.

7 The engine *crashed* / *roared* into life when he switched it on.

8 Johnny's got a cold, so he's been *snoring* / *sniffing* all day.

9 The little girl liked the way the sweets *splashed* / *crunched* in her mouth.

10 It was so quiet in the room that you could hear the *ticking* / *clicking* of the clock.

11 We heard the *screeching* / *creaking* of tyres as Janet's boyfriend drew up outside her front door.

12 After the argument, Carl stormed out of the room and *slammed* / *hummed* the door.

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b Complete the sentences with the verbs in the list.

giggled	groaned	mumbled	screamed	sighed
sobbed	stammered	whispered	~~yelled~~	

1 'STOP MAKING SO MUCH NOISE!' the old man *yelled* from an upstairs window.
2 'What have you done *this* time?' _____ Stephen's mother with resignation.
3 'My new doll is broken,' _____ the little girl, tears rolling down her cheeks.
4 'My ankle hurts,' the player _____ as he lay on the ground.
5 'There's a spider in the bath!' my sister _____ in horror.
6 'I didn't have t-t-time to do my h-h-homework,' Phil _____ nervously.
7 Half way through the exam, David _____ to Alison, 'What's the answer to number 5?'
8 'Look at her hat!' the students _____. 'It looks really funny.'
9 'Sorry,' he _____, but nobody could understand what he said.

2 PRONUNCIATION

consonant clusters

a iChecker Listen and write the missing words with consonant clusters.

1 Some of the pictures on *display* have been lent by other galleries.
2 It's always a good idea to _____ before and after doing exercise.
3 'What a wonderful surprise,' she _____.
4 My son's just failed his driving test for the _____ time!

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5 We're going to IKEA to get some new _____ for my study.
6 The best speech was the one given by the _____.
7 We _____ out the map on the dining room table, and planned our route.
8 The man _____ the burglar on the nose.

3 LEXIS IN CONTEXT

I have a phobia of sound

Look at the Lexis in Context on Student's Book p.34. Then complete the words.

1 The passengers wanted to know why the train had stopped so a*bruptly*.
2 It can be very tiring being with my brothers because they are **c**_____ arguing.
3 He had been revising for months, so he passed his exams **w**_____ **e**_____.
4 **St**_____, I actually like commuting: it gives me some valuable time to myself.
5 The area has a number of Italian restaurants **i**_____ close **pr**_____ to each other.
6 Her **s**_____ stupid question produced an extremely useful answer.
7 I try to avoid giving my neighbour a lift because she chatters **i**_____ the whole journey.

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4 GRAMMAR speculation and deduction

a Complete the mini-dialogues using *must* / *might* / *could* / *may* / *can't* or *should* and the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1 A Jessica's looking pleased with herself.
B Yes. She *must have done* well in her job interview. (do)

2 A Where's Eve? She said to meet her just outside the tube station.
B I suppose she _____ at a different entrance. (wait)

3 A Harry left work about an hour ago.
B Yes, he _____ here by now. It only takes 20 minutes. (be)

4 A How about this dress for your cousin?
B I don't know. I've never seen her in a dress. She _____ it. (not like)

5 A My brother's in his room doing his homework.
B Well, he _____. I can hear him talking on the phone! (study)

6 A Jason isn't answering his phone.
B Well, he's gone swimming and _____ it with him to the pool. (not take)

7 A My secretary is off sick.
B Well, she _____ anything serious. I've just seen her playing tennis. (have)

8 A Tony didn't show up at the party. He _____ about it. (forget)
B Yes, he's very absent-minded.

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b Complete the second sentence using the **bold** word so that it means the same as the first.

1 I don't think Luke will pass his driving test. **probably**
Luke *probably won't pass his driving test.*
2 I'm sure we'll win the match. **bound**
We _____
3 I'm sure you'll enjoy the film. **definitely**
You _____
4 I don't think it'll rain tonight. **likely**
It _____
5 They probably won't agree to our proposal. **unlikely**
They _____
6 My father is likely to take early retirement. **probably**
My father _____
7 Your parents will almost certainly complain about it. **sure**
Your parents _____
8 The manager is sure not to give us a pay rise. **definitely**
The manager _____

5 LISTENING

a iChecker Listen to someone talking about the percussionist Evelyn Glennie. In what way is she an unusual musician?

b Listen again and complete the summary.

Dame Evelyn Glennie was born in Aberdeen, Scotland. She studied at the Royal Academy of Music. She has been performing for more than [1]_____ years, and plays over [2]_____ different percussion instruments. She not only plays and records classical and pop music, but has also composed several film [3]_____. Dame Evelyn finds it frustrating that journalists often write about her [4]_____ more than her music. She thinks that there is no real difference between hearing and [5]_____ a vibration. Dame Evelyn never wears [6]_____ when she performs, in order to feel the vibrations of her instruments.

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6 READING

a Read the article once. What is piped music? According to the writer, in which place might piped music have the most serious consequences?

Silence is golden

You hear it everywhere: in pubs, restaurants and hotels, in the plane, on the train, or on the bus. It comes at you unexpectedly down the phone, and it's even on television ruining perfectly decent programmes. This unsolicited noise is, of course, piped music, an incessant jingle that is almost impossible to escape.

Contrary to popular belief, it appears that more people dislike this kind of music than actually appreciate it. In a poll carried out by a British newspaper, piped music came third in the list of things people most detested about modern life. (The first two most hated things were other forms of noise.) What is more, a recent survey into shopping habits shows that at least 50 per cent of customers would walk out of a store that had piped music. With figures like these, there can be no doubt about the widespread aversion to the noise.

It is people with some kind of hearing impairment who suffer most from the din. This group includes the elderly, who often develop an age-related hearing problem called presbycusis. The condition prevents them distinguishing the individual words of a conversation above the noise of any background music. As time goes by, they find it more and more difficult to interact. In fact, a 2013 survey commissioned by a British bank showed that around 61 per cent of older people consider piped music in shops and banks their biggest bugbear. The reason most of them gave was that it makes them feel alienated.

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However, piped music may also be responsible for far more serious health problems. It has long been recognized that unwanted noise produces stress. The listener experiences a rise in blood pressure and a depression of the immune system. A survey of 215 blood donors at Nottingham University Medical School found that playing piped music made donors more nervous before giving blood. They also felt more depressed afterwards. These results suggest that a hospital might not be the right place to play this kind of sound.

Yet a care institution in London has recently announced that it is going to do just that. The hospital plans to introduce piped music into its Accident and Emergency Department to 'calm distressed patients'. The music will be provided by legendary musician Brian Eno, who has been supplying 'ambient music' to airports for nearly four decades. The hospital's objective is to make A & E more patient-friendly, but it is likely to have quite the opposite effect.

Fortunately, help is at hand in the form of Pipedown, a campaign for freedom from piped music. The movement is pushing for legislation to ban its use in public places, especially in hospitals and doctors' surgeries where patients are in no position to argue or go somewhere else. If the campaign is successful, the London hospital will have to drop its plans. But for many, this will not be a bad thing.

b Read the article again and mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false).

1 According to the writer, the main problem with piped music is you can't get away from it.
2 The results of the newspaper poll show that the top three annoyances are all noise-related.
3 Piped music encourages the majority of people to shop in a store.
4 Elderly people tend to dislike piped music because it's not their kind of music.
5 Piped music can help blood donors to relax.
6 The writer thinks Brian Eno's music probably won't improve the atmosphere of A & E.
7 The main aim of the Pipedown campaign is to get rid of piped music in all public places.

c Find words or phrases in the article which mean:

1 piped music
_____ music
_____ music
2 a recognizable tune that is easy to remember
_____
3 a loud and unpleasant noise
_____

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