



### 1 SOUNDS

- a (2 16)) All the words in the list can be both nouns and regular verbs, and they describe sounds. Many of the words are onomatopoeic, (i.e., they sound like the sound they describe). Listen to the sounds and the words.

bang buzz click crash creak crunch drip hiss  
honk hum rattle roar screech slam slurp sniff  
snore splash tap tick whistle

- b Now complete the **Sounds** column with a word from the list.

	Sounds
1 This clock has a very loud <input type="text"/> .	<input type="text"/>
2 Don't <input type="text"/> ! Get a tissue and blow your nose.	<input type="text"/>
3 To download 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 lay there hearing 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 a yellow 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 faucet off properly otherwise it'll <input type="text"/> .	<input type="text"/>
13 We could hear the <input type="text"/> of the crowd in the baseball stadium from our hotel.	<input type="text"/>
14 Some of the players went 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 truck 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"/>

### 2 THE HUMAN VOICE

- a Match the verbs and definitions.

giggle groan mumble scream sigh  
sob stutter whisper yell

- 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 are 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
- to speak with difficulty, often repeating sounds or words
- to cry noisily, taking sudden sharp breaths
- to take in and then let out a long deep breath that can be heard, e.g., to show that you are disappointed

- b Answer the questions using one of the verbs above.

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 speak without opening their mouth enough
- when they are relieved
- when they are disappointed
- when they are deeply saddened

Can you remember the words on this page?  
Test yourself or a partner.

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