

Sounds and the human voice

VOCABULARY BANK



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. Match the sounds.

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| 1. | Rattle |
| 2. | Buzz |
| 3. | Honk |
| 4. | Crunch |
| 5. | Hiss |
| 6. | Hum |
| 7. | Click |
| 8. | Bang |
| 9. | Drip |
| 10. | Crash |
| 11. | Creak |

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| 12. | Whistle |
| 13. | Slam |
| 14. | Sniff |
| 15. | Snore |
| 16. | Roar |
| 17. | Tick |
| 18. | Screech |
| 19. | Slurp |
| 20. | Splash |
| 21. | Tap |

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

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| 1 This clock has a very loud <input type="text"/> . | |
| 2 Don't <input type="text"/> ! Get a tissue and blow your nose. | |
| 3 To download the new software just <input type="text"/> on the "download" icon. | |
| 4 There was a <input type="text"/> as he jumped into the swimming pool. | |
| 5 Did you hear that <input type="text"/> ? It sounded like a gun. | |
| 6 I heard a floorboard <input type="text"/> and I knew somebody had come into the room. | |

Sounds

- 7 I lay there hearing the of a fly, but I couldn't see it anywhere.
- 8 I hate people who at me when I slow down at a yellow light.
- 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 faucet off properly otherwise it'll .
- 13 We could hear the of the crowd in the baseball stadium from our hotel.
- 14 Some of the players went 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 truck goes by, the windows .
- 20 I heard the of brakes as the driver tried to stop and then a loud . ,

2 THE HUMAN VOICE

a Match the verbs and definitions.

giggle groan mumble scream sigh
sob stutter whisper yell

- 1 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 are saying
- 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 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 that can be heard, e.g., to show that you are disappointed