

# 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.

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

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.

### Sounds

- 1 This clock has a very loud
- 2 Don't ! Get a tissue and blow your nose.
- 3 To download 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 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