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## The sound of silence

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

**G** speculation and deduction **V** sounds and the human voice **P** consonant clusters

### 1 VOCABULARY sounds and the human voice

a Circle the correct word.



- 1 We could hear the waves crashing / screeching on the rocks during the storm.
- 2 If I don't close my bedroom window, the *crash* / *roar* of the traffic on the motorway keeps me awake.
- 3 Owen has got a cold, so he's been *snoring* / *sniffing* all day.
- 4 The little girl *splashed* / *crunched* the apple in her mouth.
- 5 We all ran out of the room because there was a large bee *hissing* / *buzzing* around the window.
- 6 Ella *banged* / *tapped* her fingers impatiently on the table, waiting for Marcus to answer his phone.
- 7 I didn't know the words to the song, so I just *hooted* / *hummed* the tune.
- 8 There was a series of loud *bangs* / *slams* as the fireworks went off.
- 9 Your dad must be asleep – I can hear him *creaking* / *snoring*.
- 10 I can't stand people who *slurp* / *drip* their soup when they eat it.
- 11 I had to get up and close the window because it was *hooting* / *rattling* in the wind.
- 12 The cat arched its back and *hissed* / *whistled* at us as we walked in.

### b Match words 1–9 to sounds a–i.

- |                        |          |           |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1 a leaking tap        | <u>c</u> | a click   |
| 2 a camera             | _____    | b hoot    |
| 3 the wind             | _____    | c drip    |
| 4 an old, wooden floor | _____    | d creak   |
| 5 a clock              | _____    | e slam    |
| 6 car brakes           | _____    | f whistle |
| 7 a car horn           | _____    | g splash  |
| 8 a door               | _____    | h screech |
| 9 water                | _____    | i tick    |

### c Complete the sentences with the past simple form of verbs that describe the human voice.

- 1 'What have you done this time?' *sighed* \_\_\_\_\_ Jamie's mother with resignation.
- 2 Halfway through the exam, Max *whispered* \_\_\_\_\_ to Ethan, 'What's the answer to number 5?'
- 3 'My leg hurts,' the player *groaned* \_\_\_\_\_ as he lay on the ground.
- 4 'There's a spider in the bath!' my brother *scribbled* \_\_\_\_\_ in horror.
- 5 'I didn't have t-t-time to do my h-h-homework,' Ruby *stammered* \_\_\_\_\_ nervously.
- 6 'Sorry,' he *mumbled* \_\_\_\_\_, but nobody could understand what he said.
- 7 'STOP MAKING SO MUCH NOISE!' the old man *yelled* \_\_\_\_\_ from an upstairs window.
- 8 'My new bike is broken,' *sobbed* \_\_\_\_\_ the little girl, tears rolling down her cheeks.
- 9 'Look at her hat!' the children *giggled* \_\_\_\_\_. 'It looks really funny.'



## 2 PRONUNCIATION consonant clusters

a Write the words with consonant clusters.

- 1 /skri:tʃ/ screech
- 2 /krʌntʃt/ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 /snɪfs/ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 /mʌmbl/ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 /skri:m/ \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 /slɜ:p/ \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 /splæf/ \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 /rætlɪd/ \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 /stæmər/ \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 /fauts/ \_\_\_\_\_

b 4.3 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.

c 4.4 Listen and write the missing words with consonant clusters.

- 1 The man punched the burglar on the nose.
- 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!
- 5 We're going to IKEA to get some new \_\_\_\_\_ for my study.
- 6 The best speech was the one given by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 Kate is very \_\_\_\_\_ and always lets you know what she's thinking.
- 8 We \_\_\_\_\_ out the map on the table in order to plan our route.



d 4.4 Listen again and repeat the sentences.

## 3 GRAMMAR speculation and deduction

a Complete the conversations using *must*, *might* / *may*, *could*, *can't*, or *should* and the correct form of the verb in brackets. More than one answer may be possible.



- 1 A Beth's looking pleased with herself.  
B Yes. She must have done well in her job interview. (do)
- 2 A Where's Daisy? She said to meet her just outside the tube station.  
B I suppose she \_\_\_\_\_ at a different entrance. (wait)
- 3 A Adam 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 \_\_\_\_\_ very hard. I can hear him talking on the phone! (study)
- 6 A Tony didn't show up at the party. He \_\_\_\_\_ about it. (forget)  
B Yes, he's very absent-minded.
- 7 A Nicole hasn't come to work today. She's ill.  
B Well, she \_\_\_\_\_ anything serious wrong with her – I've just seen her walking her dog. (have)
- 8 A I'm going to get tickets for the music festival later. Shall I get one for your boyfriend?  
B Let me talk to him first. He \_\_\_\_\_ to go, in which case he won't need a ticket. (not want)



- b Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence. Use the word in brackets.



- 1 I'm sure you'll enjoy the film. (definitely)  
You'll definitely enjoy the film.
- 2 I'm sure we'll win the match. (bound)  
We \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 The manager is sure not to give us a pay rise. (definitely)  
The manager \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I think it'll rain at the weekend. (likely)  
It \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 My husband probably won't get promoted this year. (unlikely)  
My husband \_\_\_\_\_.
- 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 I don't think Luke will pass his accountancy exam. (probably)  
Luke \_\_\_\_\_.

- c Look at the photo and answer the questions. Use modal verbs and adjectives and adverbs for speculation where possible.

- 1 Where do you think the photo was taken?  
It might have been taken on a road in the Rocky Mountains in the USA.
- 2 Who do you think the man is?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Where do you think he's come from?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Where do you think he's going?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 How do you think he's feeling?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 What noises do you think he can hear?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

#### 4 VOCABULARY FROM READING

##### How being quiet can change your life

Complete the sentences with a word from the list.

age-old cherish deal with hubbub ice muster up radical show up strip away uninterrupted

- 1 If you cherish rare moments of peace and quiet, the best place to go is a country retreat.
- 2 Shops exploit the \_\_\_\_\_ connections between chocolate and love on Valentine's Day.
- 3 The idea of Mia's new book group is that you \_\_\_\_\_, shut up, and read.
- 4 The police will have to \_\_\_\_\_ the lies the suspect has told in order to find out what really happened on the night of the crime.
- 5 Eddie didn't know anyone at the dinner, so he told a few jokes to try to **break the** \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Sophie was desperate to ask a question, but she had to \_\_\_\_\_ the self-restraint to wait until the speaker had finished his talk.
- 7 There's **something quite** \_\_\_\_\_ about the idea of getting rid of all your possessions.
- 8 Rosie passed the enquiry on to a colleague, as she **hadn't been able to** \_\_\_\_\_ it on her own.
- 9 Every Friday after work, Rob **escapes the** \_\_\_\_\_ of city life and heads for the mountains.
- 10 The technique involves maintaining \_\_\_\_\_ eye contact with your partner.

