

What Makes that Sound?

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Goal: Listen to and identify sounds you hear.

What to do:

- Listen to the sounds around you at different times of day and night.
- Identify what is making the sound.
- Try to make the sound yourself.
- Describe what you hear.
- Sort the sounds by what makes them, for example: animal sounds, machine sounds, traffic sounds.
- Sort the sounds another way, for example: loud sounds, low sounds, squeaky sounds, soft sounds.



You might:

- Listen to the sounds made by a group of small objects, for example a bell, squeaking toy, or rattle. With a partner, take turns hiding objects that make noise in a bag or container. Can you identify the objects by sound alone?
- Sit quietly after dark and listen for sounds. Try to identify a sound or sounds made by animals, sounds produced by the wind or weather, sounds made by man-made objects.
- Learn to identify the birds where you live by their sounds. Owls are active at night. They're nocturnal. You may not be able to see them but you may be able to identify them by their sounds. Find out what types of owls live near you and the types of sounds they make. Do you have owls in your neighborhood?

