

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Even though the world is rich with many interesting sounds, we don't stop often enough to truly listen to them. In this [Do You Hear What I Hear?](#) video, eight everyday sounds are presented for participants to identify. These sounds may unlock memories or inspire your imagination. Below are questions to ask to spark a learning and reminiscence discussion.

Preparation & How-To's

- Cue the [Do You Hear What I Hear?](#) video presentation on your computer. (If using an iPad or other device, make sure it has speakers.)
- Invite everyone to attend. Even people with hearing impairments can still participate in the discussion after the sound has been identified.
- Print a [copy of this document](#), which includes responses to the discussion questions.
- Before you begin the activity, share the following information with the group:
 - Each of the eight sounds will be played three times.
 - After the sound has been played, we will pause to give everyone a chance to guess what the sound is.
 - Once the sound has been identified, the questions listed for each of the sounds will be used to spark a discussion.
- Click on the [Do You Hear What I Hear?](#) link and begin playing the video. You can pause the video at any point to give participants time to guess the sound and answer questions.



Discussion Question Responses for Group Leader

Sound 1 – Bowling

1. What are some items that you would find in a bowling alley?

Answer: Answers will vary. Possible responses include:

- Bowling shoes
- Bowling balls
- 10 bowling pins per lane
- Lanes/smooth floors
- Hand dryer
- Ball return machine
- Scoreboard
- Bowling team uniforms

2. What is it called if you knock down all of the pins in the first roll of a frame?

Answer: Strike. A spare is when you knock down all the remaining pins in the second roll of a frame.

3. What's the name of the place you don't want your ball to go?

Answer: The gutter

4. Were you ever on a bowling team? If so, did the team have a name?

5. How do you feel about wearing bowling shoes? Do you have any other memories about bowling you would like to share?

Sound 2 – Stirring a glass

1. What are some drinks you commonly stir with a spoon?

Answer: Examples might include sweet iced tea, hot tea with lemon, coffee with cream and sugar, etc.

2. When you clink on a glass at a wedding, what is it you want the bride and groom to do?

Answer: Kiss each other

3. How do most people stir a glass?

Answer: Clockwise

4. Do you know how to [play a glass xylophone](#)?

Answer: You can use glasses filled with water and clink on them with a spoon.

- Fill the first glass to the top with water.
- Fill the rest of the glasses with decreasing amounts of water. The last glass should be empty. (You can add food coloring to the water to make it more visually interesting.)
- Now tap the glasses with a spoon and enjoy the music.

5. When you hear the clinking of glasses, what special memories come to mind?

Sound 3 – Hair clippers

1. What are some items that are found in a barbershop or beauty parlor?

Answer: Answers will vary. Responses may include:

- Scissors
- Chairs
- Cape
- Broom
- Comb
- Razor
- Shaving cream
- Clippers
- Brush
- Magazines/Newspaper
- Hair dryer
- Curling iron/Curlers
- Hair spray

2. What colors are found on barber poles?

Answer: Red and white (sometimes red, white, and blue). This tradition was started hundreds of years ago when barbers performed surgeries and tooth extractions.

3. Do you remember any of your haircuts from when you were a child? How about the first haircuts of your children?

4. Can you describe some of the different hairstyles you have had over the years?

5. Did you ever have a disastrous haircut? If so, describe what happened.

Sound 4 – Squeeze toy (with rubber duck as an example)

1. Besides a rubber duck, what are some other toys you may find in a bathtub?

Answer: Answers may vary. Responses may include:

- Plastic toys
- A cup
- Bathtub crayons or paints
- Water or squirt gun
- Floating boats
- Bubbles

2. What is the character's name from *Sesame Street* that sings the song "Rubber Duckie"?

Answer: Ernie. Here are some of the lyrics: "Rubber Duckie, you're the one. You make bath time lots of fun. Rubber Duckie, I'm awfully fond of you."

3. Did your children enjoy baths, or was it a struggle to get them in the tub?
4. Do you prefer to take a bath or a shower?
5. Do you remember the last time you had a bubble bath?

Sound 5 – Keyboard typing

1. Do you remember typing on a manual typewriter? Do you remember using carbon paper?
2. A special kind of typing called *stenography* is used to quickly record spoken testimony. Where are stenographers often found?

Answer: Courtrooms. The stenotype keyboard has far fewer keys than a conventional keyboard, which allows stenographers to type quickly and accurately.

3. Do you consider yourself to be a good typist? Are you able to type without looking at the keyboard?
4. Do you enjoy using a computer? What are some things you like doing on the computer?
5. Do you know who invented the modern typewriter?

Answer: [Christopher Latham Sholes](#), a newspaperman from Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Sound 6 – Sneezing

1. What are common things that cause people to sneeze?

Answer: Answers will vary. Responses may include:

- Pollen
- Cats
- Dogs
- Grass
- Dust

2. How many responses to someone sneezing can you think of in English or any other language?

Answer: Some popular responses are:

- Bless you.
- God bless you.
- *Gesundheit* (the German word for “health”)
- *Salud* (said in some Spanish-speaking countries)
- *À tes souhaits* (said after the first sneeze by the French)

3. Do you always say something to someone who has sneezed, or do you ignore the sneeze?

4. Do you know the acceptable way of sneezing these days?

Answer: You sneeze into your arm instead of your hands so you don't spread germs.

5. Are you a “delicate” sneezer, a loud sneezer, or a sneezer who makes funny noises?

Sound 7 – Inflating a balloon

1. What kind of balloon animals or sculptures can you think of?

Answer: Answers will vary. Responses may include:

- Dog
- Flower
- Cat
- Sword

2. Have you seen balloons at a parade or celebration? Where were you?

Answer: Answers will vary. Responses may include:

- Birthday party
- Grand opening
- Parade

- Baby shower
- Amusement park or fair

3. Do you get startled when a balloon pops? Do you avoid balloons for that reason?
4. Are you able to easily blow up a balloon, or do you have a difficult time doing it?
5. Do you prefer helium balloons or the kind you blow up yourself?

Sound 8 – Dog barking

1. Did you ever have a pet dog? What was its name, and what did it look like?
2. How many famous dogs can you name from movies, books, TV shows, and comics?

Answers: Answers will vary. Responses may include:

- Toto (from *The Wizard of Oz*)
- Lassie
- Snoopy
- Scooby Doo
- Perdy and Pongo (from *101 Dalmatians*)
- Lady and the Tramp
- Old Yeller
- Rin Tin Tin
- Benji
- Clifford
- Marmaduke

3. What is the name of the breed of dog that doesn't bark?

Answer: The [Basenji](#). It is believed this may be the oldest dog breed in the world.

4. It is said that a barking dog is one of the biggest deterrents to burglars. Would you agree or disagree?
5. Can you complete the end of this saying: "A barking dog never ____."

Answer: Bites
