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# Some Common Sounds

If you have normal hearing, you probably tend to overlook many sounds in your everyday living environment. You probably don't think about the hum of a computer, whir of the ceiling fan, or the bang of something being dropped. Little hearing-impaired children need to learn about these many sounds that are part of the everyday world. This list of common sounds will give you ideas about what to point out to your child as you help him develop his listening skills.

## INDOOR SOUNDS

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vacuum cleaner	stove fan
washing machine	chair being moved away
dryer	from table
garbage disposal	fire going in fireplace
pencil sharpener	TV
doors closing, banging,	music
doorbell	electric razor
pots and pans	electric mixer
timer	hair dryer
alarm clock	smoke alarm
clock's chimes or	telephone
cuckoo	knock at the door
object being dropped	microwave
something shattering	background music in
furnace	store

## SOME SOFTER SOUNDS

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clock's tick-tock	coins or keys clinking
dishes being put away	in pocket or purse
paper being crumpled	noise of traffic heard
refrigerator	through closed window
water running	wind blowing outside
coffee percolating	window
liquids being poured	sewing machine
toast being scraped	pot bubbling on stove
click of light switch	liquid being shaken in
match being struck	container
hum of fluorescent	drawer being closed
light	fly buzzing
radio playing in another	hum of a computer
room	ceiling fan
pages being turned	air conditioner
trash compacter	

## INDOOR ACTIVITIES

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**Making salad:** cutting, tearing ingredients; spoon hitting bowl when tossing

**Washing dishes:** water running; disposal; dropping utensils into sink or dishpan, dishwasher

**Making popcorn:** shaking popcorn in box; shaking popcorn; popping

**Setting the table:** placing eating utensils; pouring water or milk

**Making cookies:** cracking eggs, beating mixture, scraping bowl

**Making instant pudding:** opening outer and inner packages, beating mixture, scraping bowl

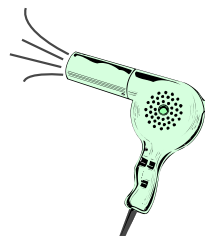
**Making toast and jelly:** toaster; cutting toast

**Sweeping the floor:** swish of broom; dropping broom

**Wrapping a package:** paper crinkling; scissors cutting

**Putting away tools:** hammer, saw, drill, file

**Putting away toys**



### HUMAN NOISES

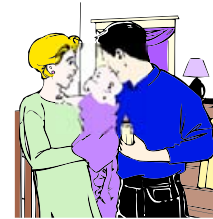
laughing	clapping	playing Ping-Pong	running
sneezing	whistling	zipping up a jacket	chewing, (especially celery, peanuts, or potato chips)
coughing	humming	sipping through a straw	squeak of the floor under someone's footsteps
clearing throat	hiccupping	kissing	
blowing nose	brushing teeth	playing jacks	
yawning	washing hands	jumping	
crying	taking a shower	people talking in another room	
snoring	burping		

### MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

drum	xylophone
horn	musical mobiles
tambourine	(make your own, like putting blocks in a plastic bottle or beating a wooden spoon against a pan)
stringed instruments	
bells	
toy piano	

### NOISEMAKING TOYS

blocks
whistles
rattles
squeaky toys
clicking toys
chalk on chalkboard
carpenter's bench



### OUTDOOR NOISES

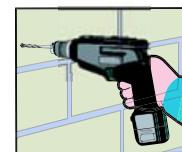
thunder	car coming into driveway	baseball bat or tennis racket hitting ball
fire engine	walking through dry leaves	motorboat
foghorn	leaves being raked	surf
airplane	branch rubbing house in breeze	bonfire
truck	rainstorm	wind chimes, ceramic, metal, or plastic
train's rumble	hail	trash truck
train's whistle	wind howling	
bus stopping		
car horn		

### QUIET OUTSIDE NOISES

footsteps on sidewalk	children's voices in a backyard
distant traffic	birds singing
approaching car or bus	mower running on next road or street
car horn on next street	laundry flapping on line
key turning in lock	lawn sprinkler going
door being opened	rain
wind in trees	
constant rumble of city	
distant train	
dog barking down the street	

### WORKING NOISES

drilling
breaking wood
shoveling
trimming hedges or borders
sanding
hammering
mowing lawn
chopping wood
sawing
walking on the roof



**You can think up many more!**