

Origins

What's That Noise?

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A noisy start

We all make noise.
We start as soon as
we are born.



Noise is measured in
decibels. A baby crying
is 60 decibels on the noise-o-meter.

That is as
loud as my
alarm clock!



Shhhh! I'm sleeping

Some people make noise in their sleep.




That is as loud as a drill!



ZZZZZZZ

Snoring can be 70 decibels on the noise-o-meter.

Feeling noise



Evelyn's music is 95 decibels on the noise-o-meter.

People who are deaf can feel noise.
Evelyn Glennie is a deaf musician.

Noise makes things vibrate.
Evelyn Glennie uses vibration to
help her play.

Breaking glass



A loud note can make the glass vibrate and crack!

The human voice makes vibrations. Some singers can break glass with their voices.

Lift-off!

A rocket flying into space makes lots of noise. The engine is so loud it hurts your ears.

Warning! Noises over 140 decibels damage your hearing.



Under the sea



The blue whale
is the biggest animal and
the loudest animal!

The loudest animal is the blue whale.
Whales make noises that can travel
long distances under the water.

Blue whales can hear each other
from very far away.

The biggest bang



The loudest noise ever heard came from a volcano. The volcano was called Krakatoa (say: crack-a-toe-a).

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That is 190 decibels on the noise-o-meter!

It made a bang so loud that people could hear it in other countries.



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Making a noise



After reading

Talk with your child about the book after reading. Here are some questions you could ask:

- What did you learn about noise?
- Can you remember which animal makes the loudest noise?
- Did you like the book? Why, or why not?

Encourage your child to read the book again. This will build their reading confidence and reading fluency.

Other things to do

Keep talking about this book.

You could make a simple 'telephone' by using a piece of string to connect the bottom of two plastic cups. See how the sound of your voices travels along the string.

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