

Do You Hear What I Hear?

(3rd Edition)

Even though the world is rich with many interesting sounds, we don't stop often enough to truly listen to them. This video presents five interesting sounds for participants to identify. These sounds and discussion questions may unlock memories or inspire your imagination. Participants with all levels of hearing ability are encouraged to join the discussion!

We would love to hear your comments and suggestions about this activity! Please email your feedback to: hello@activityconnection.com.

Preparation & How-To's

- Cue the [Do You Hear What I Hear? \(3rd Edition\)](#) video presentation on your computer. (If using an iPad or other device, make sure it has speakers.)
- Click Play to begin the video. You can pause the video at any point to give participants time to discuss. For a more challenging experience, pause after the "Take a Guess" slide for each of the five sounds and give people a chance to guess the answer before advancing to the next slide displaying the picture.
- Review the video transcript in advance if desired.



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Instructions:

1. Each sound clip will play three times.
2. After the third time, call out what you think is creating that sound.
3. The answer and discussion questions will be displayed before the next sound begins.
4. Pause the presentation during discussion questions so everyone has an opportunity to respond.

Here comes the first sound...

(Sound #1 repeated 3 times)

Take a guess! (The answer will be displayed shortly.)

Answer: A purring cat

Now, a few discussion questions. (Pause video to discuss at your own pace.)

- Here are five questions related to popular expressions about cats:

1. What is the meaning of the expression “let the cat out of the bag”?

Answer: It suggests that a secret has been revealed.

2. Complete this expression, which describes a heavy downpour: “It’s raining _____ and _____.” (**Hint:** “It’s raining c _____ and d _____.”)

Answer: “It’s raining cats and dogs.”

3. What is implied by the expression “While the cat’s away, the mice will play”?

Answer: People left unsupervised will do as they please.

4. Which statement describes the meaning of the expression “the cat’s meow”?

- A. An ordinary object
- B. A sound meant to get your attention
- C. Something outstanding

Answer: C. Something outstanding

5. Does the expression “like herding cats” infer that a task is easy or challenging?

Answer: Challenging. This expression can be used to describe a person attempting to manage a group that is being uncooperative.

- What film from 1963 features the following song in the opening credits as well as a large cartoon cat?

Answer: *The Pink Panther*. The “Pink Panther” in the film’s title actually refers to the jewel at the center of the movie plot. The cartoon panther that appears in the opening credits was a playful way to introduce the film and later appeared in an animated TV series and a comic book.

- Do you recognize this famous cartoon comic strip cat? What is his name?

Answer: Garfield

- And finally, a few cat jokes before we guess the next sound.

What do you call a pile of cats or kittens?

Answer: A meowntain

What is the difference between a cat and a comma?

Answer: One has claws at the end of its paws, while the other is a pause at the end of a clause.

What do cats like to eat for breakfast?

Answer: Mice Krispies

Here comes the second sound...

(Sound #2 repeated 3 times)

Take a guess! (The answer will be displayed shortly.)

Answer: Footsteps in snow

- What comes to mind when you hear the sound of footsteps in the snow? (Examples may include shoveling the driveway, hot chocolate, places you have lived, winter holiday memories...)
- Which is more fun: having a snowball fight or making a snowman?
- Have you or your family members ever tried to ice-skate? Tell us a story about that experience.
- In your opinion, which of the following occupations do you think is most difficult in snowy weather?
 - A. Power-line technicians
 - B. Airport ramp agents
 - C. Postal service worker

What other jobs can be very difficult when it snows?

- Complete these lyrics:

“Oh, the weather outside is frightful
But the fire is so delightful
And since we’ve no place to go
_____, _____, _____.”

Answer: Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

(Sound #3 repeated 3 times)

Take a guess! (The answer will be displayed shortly.)

Answer: A game of table tennis or ping-pong

1. Can you think of four items you would need to play a game of ping-pong or table tennis?

Answer: Answers may include: paddles, ball, table, net, opponent...
2. True or false? Table tennis is an Olympic sport.

Answer: True. Table tennis has been an Olympic sport since 1988.
3. Raise your hand if you have ever:
 - played table tennis or ping-pong
 - played tennis on a tennis court
 - played badminton
 - played volleyball

4. What do all of these sports have in common?

Answer: All of these sports involve hitting an object over a net.

5. In the 1994 movie *Forrest Gump*, the main character develops a talent for ping-pong and plays competitively. What actor played Forrest Gump? **Hint:** (image of actor)

Answer: Tom Hanks

Have you ever wondered whether Tom Hanks really played the table tennis matches in the movie *Forrest Gump*? While he had to learn some basic moves like forehand and backhand strokes, serves, etc., the video effects designer superimposed the ball on the screen to achieve his expert table tennis status.

(Sound #4 repeated 3 times)

Take a guess! (The answer will be displayed shortly.)

Answer: A motorcycle

1. Using the letters of the word *motorcycle*, try to make words with at least three letters. (Example: elm, room.) Try to find a few more.

Answer: Other possible words include but are not limited to: *cry, tool, rose, storm, style, coyote, oyster, comet.*

2. Can you name a motorcycle maker that begins with each of the following letters?

Y_____ (6 letters)

H_____ (5 letters)

K_____ (8 letters)

H_____ - D_____ (15 letters)

Answer: Yamaha, Honda, Kawasaki, Harley-Davidson

3. In which U.S. city is the Harley-Davidson headquarters located? **Hint:** (map image)

Answer: Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This company produces big bikes (over 750cc) designed for cruising. The engines have a distinctive Harley-Davidson rumbling noise.

4. Do you remember the title of a book written by Beverly Cleary in 1965 that included a motorcycle? **Hint:** *The _____ and the Motorcycle*

Answer: *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*

(Sound #5 repeated 3 times)

Take a guess! (The answer will be displayed shortly.)

Answer: Tap dancing

While sitting, follow along with this video of basic tap sequences. Each new movement will repeat four times.

- Now, just enjoy the sights and sounds of these more advanced sequences.

This tap dancer did “everything Fred Astaire did, but backwards and in heels.” Who was this favorite dance partner of Fred Astaire?

Answer: Ginger Rogers

- In the earlier years of tap dancing, wood was attached to the soles of tap shoes to produce the distinct tapping sound. In the early 1900s, metallic taps were added to tap shoes. The size, weight, and curvature of the taps influence the tone produced during tap dancing.
- As you can see, tap shoes are very distinct. Can you recognize these other styles of dance shoes? What style of dance is represented by each of the following pictures?

Picture 1: Ballet

Picture 2: Irish step dancing

Picture 3: Tango

Picture 4: Disco

Picture 5: Swing

Picture 6: Line dancing

- Have you ever taken a dance class? What style of dance do you prefer and why?
- Here are five questions related to popular expressions about dance:

1. What is the meaning of the expression “dance on the razor’s edge”?

Answer: To do something risky or dangerous.

2. What is the meaning of the expression “It takes two to tango”?

Answer: At least two people are responsible for the results of an action.

3. What is implied by the expression “tap dance like mad”?

Answer: Someone is acting fast to distract someone in order to get out of a sticky situation.

4. What does it mean to “catch someone flat-footed”?

Answer: To take someone by surprise

Here is one last question before we wrap up for the day.

- Would you say you have “twinkle-toes” or “two left feet”?

That’s a wrap! Thank you for participating. Join us again soon!