

## 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, whirl 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

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

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

**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  
sneezing  
coughing  
clearing throat  
blowing nose  
yawning  
crying  
snoring

clapping  
whistling  
humming  
hiccapping  
brushing teeth  
washing hands  
taking a shower  
burping

playing Ping-Pong  
zipping up a jacket  
sipping through a straw  
kissing  
playing jacks  
jumping  
people talking in another room

running  
chewing, (especially celery, peanuts, or potato chips)  
squeak of the floor under someone's footsteps

## Musical instruments

drum  
horn  
tambourine  
stringed instruments  
bells  
toy piano

xylophone  
musical mobiles  
(make your own, like putting blocks in a plastic bottle or beating a wooden spoon against a pan)

## Noisemaking toys

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



## outdoor noises

thunder  
fire engine  
foghorn  
airplane  
truck  
train's rumble  
train's whistle  
bus stopping  
car horn

car coming into driveway  
walking through dry leaves  
leaves being raked  
branch rubbing house in breeze  
rainstorm  
hail  
wind howling

baseball bat or tennis racket hitting ball  
motorboat  
surf  
bonfire  
wind chimes, ceramic, metal, or plastic  
trash truck

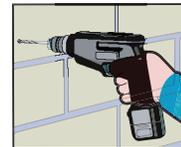
## Quiet outside noises

footsteps on sidewalk  
distant traffic  
approaching car or bus  
car horn on next street  
key turning in lock  
door being opened  
wind in trees  
constant rumble of city  
distant train  
dog barking down the street

children's voices in a backyard  
birds singing  
mower running on next road or street  
laundry flapping on line  
lawn sprinkler going  
rain

## 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!**