Books and Online Games on Sounds

Guidelines for Reading Together

Books, both nonfiction and fiction, are a great way for children to explore more about sounds. A few tips for reading aloud:

- Talk about the title and the image on the cover. Ask your child to predict what might happen in the story.
- Read slowly so your child can understand and enjoy the rhythm of the words and explore the pictures.
- Get dramatic! Use different voices and expressions to make the story fun.
- Pause while you read to ask questions and make comments. Talk about sounds and anything that captures your child’s interest. Repeat or talk about any words that might be new to your child.
- When you are done, ask questions about what you read and ask how your child felt about the characters and the story. That will help him/her think about and remember it later.
- If your child enjoyed the book, read it again, either now or later. Children make new discoveries each time.

Recommended Books about Sounds

Everyone in this family loves different kinds of music, from rock ‘n’ roll to polkas.

Since she was a baby, Violet has always made music. Finally, she finds other people who love music as much as she does.

A brother and sister head out to the country where they explore and learn about unfamiliar sounds.
A family has fun singing and dancing together in the kitchen.

Join in on this musical tour of a busy neighborhood and discover the sounds all around us.

Find out about the sounds all around us and discover how different animals hear.

Max drums on anything he finds and imitates the sounds he hears in the neighborhood.

While people dream of daytime things, a nighttime world of mysterious sounds comes alive.

A father and daughter go for a walk and listen to sounds they hear outside.

Listen to the sounds of the city, from the jing-a-ling of the ice cream truck to the howling siren of a police car.

Oscar is a curious kitten, full of questions about sound.

Despite a fun and noisy party taking place in his cave, Bear snores on! Finally, he wakes up.
More Science Fun: Online Games about Sounds

If you have room on your phone for more apps, download these free PEEP game apps, which are closely related to the activities in the Colors unit. The game apps can be found in the app store along with the PEEP Family Science apps. If your child easily completes the first round of the game, the game becomes a little harder in the next round.

Guidelines for Playing Online Games Together

Your children will be using technology their whole lives. Help them use it at home in positive ways, right from the start! Here are some tips:

• The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that you limit screen time to one hour a day for children ages 3 to 5.
• Avoid games during mealtimes and before bed.
• Share the experience with your child. Watch, play, and talk together. Children can’t learn from playing games alone—they need an adult to help them understand what they are seeing and connect it to their daily lives. Talking together about what you are watching and doing makes a big difference!

PEEP Games

Week 1: Where’s Quack?
Quack plays Hide and Seek. Can you figure out where he’s hiding by the way his voice sounds?
peepandthebigwideworld.com/wheresquack

Week 3: Hum Along!
Explore high and low sounds. Make your own music and watch the characters dance!
peepandthebigwideworld.com/humalong

Week 4: Sounds Like Fun!
Make music with the animals who live in the big, wide world.
peepandthebigwideworld.com/soundslikefun

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