

Croxby Primary Academy

Year 4: Sound Knowledge Organiser



Alexander Graham Bell is most famous for his invention of the telephone. He first became interested in the science of sound because both his mother and wife were deaf. His experiments in sound eventually let him to want to send voice signals down a telegraph wire.

Key facts



Key Questions	
What is sound?	Sound is created when something vibrates and
	sends waves of energy (vibration) into our ears.
What are	Vibrations travel through the air or another
vibrations?	medium (solid, liquid or gas) to the ear. The
	stronger the vibrations, the louder the sound.
	Sounds are fainter the further you get from the
	sound source.
What is pitch?	Pitch is the highness or lowness of a sound. A high
	pitch is caused by short vibrations and a low pitch is
	caused by long vibrations
How does	Sound vibrations travel in a wave pattern, and we
sound travel?	call these vibrations sound waves. There is no sound
	in the vacuum of space, because there is nothing to
	vibrate the sound.
How do we	Sound waves travel into the ear canal until they
hear?	reach the eardrum. The eardrum passes the
	vibrations through the middle ear bones or ossicles
	into the inner ear. The inner ear is shaped like a
	snail and is called the cochlea The brain tells you
	that you are hearing a sound and what that sound is.



Key Vocabulary	
volume	Loudness of a sound depends how big vibrations are.
amplitude	The amplitude is a measure of the strength or intensity of the sound wave.
tension	The pitch of a note produced by a guitar depends on the length, thickness and
	tension of the string.
louder	Sound is louder closer to the sound source.
fainter	Sound is fainter further away from the sound source.
high pitch	A high sound has a high pitch.
low pitch	A low sound has a low pitch.

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