Year 4 - Science

NC Unit: Sound How do we hear different sounds? Physics



What should I already know?

- Hearing is one of my five senses.
- Sounds can be combined using musical instruments.
- What the word vibration means.

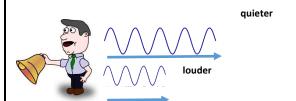
What the word vibration means.		
	What will I know by the end of the unit?	
What is a	A thing that can be heard.	
sound?	The object that makes the sound is called the	
Journa:	source.	
How is a	When objects vibrate, a sound is made.	
	The vibration makes the air around the object	
sound	vibrate and the air vibrations enter your ear.	
made?	These are called sound waves.	
	If an object is making a sound, a part of it is	
	vibrating, even if you cannot see the vibrations.	
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	(Established)	
How do	a Cound waves traval through a madium (such as	
sounds	Sound waves travel through a medium (such as oir water glass stand and brief)	
travel?	air, water, glass, stone, and brick).For example, if somebody is playing music in the	
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	room next door, the sound can travel through the bricks in the wall.	
How do we		
hear	When an object vibrates, the air around it vibrates too. This vibrating air can also be known as sound	
sounds?	waves.	
sourius:	The sound waves travel to the ear and make the	
	eardrums vibrate.	
	 Messages are sent to the brain which recognises 	
	the vibrations as sounds.	
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How do	Pitch:	
sounds	• The pitch of a sound is how high or low it is.	
change?	A squeak of mouse has a high pitch . A rear of a lieu has a leverite has a lieu pitch.	
	A roar of a lion has a low pitch. Volume:	
	Volume:The volume of a sound is how loud or quiet it is.	
	When a sound is created by a little amount of	
	energy, a weak sound wave is created which	
	doesn't travel far. This makes a quiet sound.	
	A small tap of a hammer is used with small	
	amounts of energy and so creates a quiet	
	noise.	
	A vibration with lots of energy makes a powerful sound wave and therefore a loud sound.	
	A powerful, smashing tap of a hammer is	
	used with lots of energy and so creates a	
	loud noise.	
How do we	Amplitude measures how strong a sound wave	
measure	is.	
sound?	Decibels measure how loud a sound is.	
	Frequency measures the number of times per	
	- Frequency incusures the name of times per	

second that the sound wave cycles.

Big Ideas this works towards:

Energy, which cannot be created or destroyed, comes in many different forms and tends to move away from objects that have lots of it.

Pitch: • High pitch sounds are created by short sound waves. • Low pitched sounds are created by long sound waves. long sound waves create a low pitch short sound waves create a high pitch Volume: • The closer you are to the source of the sound, the louder the sound will be.



sound, the quieter the sound will be.

The further away you are from the **source** of the

Vocabulary		
amplitude	a measure of the strength of a sound wave	
decibel	a measure of how loud a sound is	
decibei		
electricity	a form of energy that can be carried by wires and in used for heating and lighting, and to provide power for devices	
energy	the power from sources such as electricity that makes machines work or provides heat	
frequency	a measure of how many times per second the sound wave cycles	
medium	something that makes possible the transfer of energy from one location to another	
pitch	how high or low a sound is	
power	Power is energy, especially electricity, that is obtained in large quantities from a fuel source and used to operate lights, heating, and machinery	
sound waves	invisible waves that travel through air, water, and solid objects as vibrations	
source	where something comes from	
transmit	to pass from one place or person to another	
travel	how something moves around	
vibrations	invisible waves that move quickly	
volume	how loud or quiet a sound is	