

There are many sounds around us: natural sounds (such as birdsong or a rushing stream), sounds made by people (such as talking or making music), sounds from machines (such as cars, aircraft or lawnmowers) or a combination of all of these. Some of these sounds we want to hear but others we don't. The sound we don't want to hear is called noise.

We can encounter noise every day, such as the sound from cars and aircraft or even the sound from other people in your school or playground shouting when your class is being quiet.



The Competition

There are two age categories for the competition: Category 1 is for children aged 7 to 9 and Category 2 is for children aged 10 or 11.

Children can work individually or in groups of up to four children.

We would like you to produce a hand-made drawing, picture, patchwork, collage or similar to illustrate some of the sounds you like to hear and some the sounds (noise) you don't like to hear.



The Deadline

The deadline for entries will be 31st July 2025. Entries will be judged by a panel of experts. The decision of the judging panel will be final.

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