

Super Sound Effects

When you're watching a movie or TV show, you may not even realize how many sound effects are used to make the story more realistic. Pretend that you are a sound effects artist, and find everyday ways to make the effects for these sounds. Try the sound effects on a friend. Write down what you tried.

- a. breaking down a door
- b. horse galloping on a dirt road, then in the meadow
- c. a whoosh noise
- d. footsteps crunching in the snow
- e. flapping bird wings

Making realistic sound effects is both an art and a science. The art is telling the story in a convincing way, making the listener believe what they are going to hear is real. The science is paying attention to sound characteristics of loudness, duration, and pitch, and finding ways to make just the right combination.

- a. Crumple a foam picnic plate
- b. Pound coconut shells on a tray of sand, then on your chest
- c. Quickly wave a thin stick through the air
- d. Pound a sealed plastic bag filled with corn starch
- e. Slap two leather gloves together quickly

Answers



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