

Knowledge Organiser: SPRING 1

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Vocabulary	Meaning			
vibration	noving back and forth quickly			
sound waves	the way sound travels			
electrical signal	vibrations are collected, converted into these signals and the brain changes these signals into sounds			
cochlea	the inner ear			
auditory nerve	a bundle of nerve fibres that carries hearing information between the cochlea and the brain			
pitch	how high or low a sound is			
vibration speed	how close together the vibrations occur			
wavelength	the distance between two peaks of sound			
hertz	measure of frequency of pitch			
decibel	a unit used to measure the intensity of a sound			
particle	a minute portion of matter			
matter	a particular substance			
clarity	the quality of being easy to hear			
source	where something is from or where it starts from			
faint	not completely clear			
distance	how far away something travels			

Key knowledge - What is meant by pitch?







Higher Pitch

High and low are words to describe the pitch of a sound. A high sound has a high pitch and a low sound has a low pitch. The pitch of an object changes depending on how fast it is vibrating. If an object vibrates quickly, high-pitched sounds are heard.

Key knowledge - What is meant by volume?

Sounds can be either loud or quiet. We call this property of sound 'volume'.

A nail hit hard will make a loud sound.



A nail hit gently will make a quieter sound.



Key knowledge - How do we measure pitch and volume?





This is a Sound Meter app. It is a data logger that also measures the pitch and volume of a sound.