



## CLASS 12 | Did You Hear That?

### Resources

*These resources provide you with the auditory prompts you need for the “Did You Hear That?” activity. You can play them on a computer or download them to an audio player, such as an iPod or even your phone to use during the class.*

#### **Simple Noises (Everyday sounds, conversation, bird calls, etc.):**

- [Mynoise.net](#): This is a great resource for noises of all types. Click on the simple sounds below to go directly to those noises. You can also adjust the volume and speed of the sound.
  - [Fan noise](#)
  - [Babble noise](#)
  - [Jungle noise](#)
  - [Whispering noise](#)
  - [Traffic noise](#)
- [Bird Calls](#): The Cornell Lab of Ornithology has several [bird call recordings](#) you can use.

#### **Stories or Poetry**

These sites have short stories and poetry you can use for the second focused listening exercise. You can download various poems or find articles for the class members to read aloud to each other.

- Your local or national newspaper, such as the New York Times, The LA Times, USA Today or the Wall Street Journal.
- [American Academy of Poets. This website is one of our favorites, with a large collection of poems for every occasion.](#)

#### **Audio Podcasts**

[This American Life](#). You will find a variety of short stories to choose from on the *This American Life* radio show archives. To play an episode, select a podcast you are interested. Scroll down until you see “Prologue” and “Act One.” To play these sections, press the little purple arrow on the left side of each radio section.

#### **Additional Resources**

[Improving Hearing- Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.](#)

This study showed that it was possible to reverse some of these neurological changes and improve hearing even after a hearing aid.

[Better Hearing Takes Practice- Wired.Com and Science Now.](#) An article summarizing research findings about how auditory practice can improve one’s hearing over time.