



ESOL Choice Board: Grades 9-12

Listening Activity

[Click here](#) to listen to a short podcast about the history of acoustics. Emily Thompson, the author of *The Soundscape of Modernity*, says we are disconnected from the sounds of our environment. Do you agree? Have you visited places that are more “connected” to their sound?

Speaking Activity

Talk about the questions in the listening activity with an adult you trust. Bonus: Can you discuss these questions with someone in your home language?



Reading Activity

Experiment with creating your own music with Soundtrap! [Click here](#) to open the at home studio (free account required).

After you create a song, experiment with acoustics by playing your song in different places. Does your song sound different when you move to another room? What about outside? Do you know why? [Click here](#) to read a little more about the science of sound.



Writing Activity

Cause and effect is a common topic of study in many subjects. “Cause” is why something happened, and “effect” is what happened.

When asked to analyze cause and effect, there are words we can look for that tell us there might be cause and effect occurring. These are called “signal words.” Some signal words include:

Because
Since
Consequently
This led to...so
If...then
Nevertheless
Accordingly
Because of
As a result of
In order to
May be due to
Yet
For this reason
Not only...but also

[Click here](#) to watch a video that explains signal words. Grab a pen and paper and try to identify the signal words in the example sentences at the end of the video!