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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## 6 Minute English worksheet

### What causes hearing loss?

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Listen to the full episode here: <https://bbc.in/3JL6D99>

**1. Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?**

**2. Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.**

- What do the presenters say the episode is about?
- What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?

**3. Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?**

a) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

b) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

c) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

d) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

e) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

f) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?**

**5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.**

1. How many parts is the human ear made up of?
  - a) 1
  - b) 2
  - c) 3
2. Which is an example of a sense organ?
  - a) eye
  - b) heart
  - c) liver
3. What is the smallest bone in the human body?
  - a) hammer bone
  - b) anvil bone
  - c) stirrup bone
4. What is the 'damage that comes from ordinary everyday use'?
  - a) park and ride
  - b) wear and tear
  - c) hue and cry
5. What describes a 'situation which continuously gets worse and worse'?
  - a) strength to strength
  - b) downward spiral
  - c) virtuous circle
6. What is a 'cone-shaped tool which directs something through a narrow space'?
  - a) funnel
  - b) tunnel
  - c) gunnel

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**6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.**


**7. Answer the following questions.**

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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#### Answers

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- a. sense organs – specific parts of the human body (ears, eyes, tongue, nose and skin) which allow you to experience the outside world
- b. funnel – move or direct something through a narrow space
- c. wear and tear – the damage that comes from ordinary everyday use
- d. we're doomed! – (informal) used to say that we are destined to be defeated or to fail
- e. downward spiral – situation which continuously gets worse and worse
- f. redundancy in the system – having more than one way to achieve an outcome so that a backup method can take over if other methods fail

5. 1c, 2a, 3c, 4b, 5b, 6a

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#### Teacher's notes

This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet, and adapt it as necessary.

#### Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.