

Sound Has Jobs

Different sound levels help people act safely and kindly.

2.8.B “explain how different levels of sound are used in everyday life such as a whisper in a classroom or a fire alarm; and”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each sound word, circle the words that tell how soft or loud it is, and draw a line to the reason that sound is used.

Sounds Around School

- ① At school, sound levels help people know what to do. During quiet reading, Mia uses a whisper to ask her partner for a pencil. A whisper is soft, so it does not disturb classmates who are reading.
- ② In the cafeteria, voices are often louder than in the library. A teacher may speak in a regular voice to give directions. When the lunch bell rings, it is louder than a voice so many children can hear it and return their trays.
- ③ A fire alarm is very loud because it warns people about danger. Its loud sound can be heard across the school, even in busy places. Students stop working, follow their teacher, and leave the building safely.

2

ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1

Why is a whisper useful during quiet reading?

2

Why is the lunch bell louder than a teacher's regular voice?

3

Explain how the loud fire alarm helps students know what to do.

3

YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of three everyday places that are not named in the reading. For each place, name a sound, tell its level, and explain how that sound is useful.

SOUND	LEVEL	HOW IT IS USEFUL

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each sound word, circle the words that tell how soft or loud it is, and draw a line to the reason that sound is used. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why is a whisper useful during quiet reading?	A whisper is soft, so it does not disturb classmates who are reading.
2	Why is the lunch bell louder than a teacher's regular voice?	The lunch bell is louder so many children can hear it and return their trays.
3	Explain how the loud fire alarm helps students know what to do.	It warns people about danger and can be heard across the school. Students stop working, follow their teacher, and leave safely.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

SOUND	LEVEL	HOW IT IS USEFUL
Alarm clock	loud	It wakes a person for school.
Parent speaking	regular	It gives a direction at home.
Whisper	soft	It lets people talk near a sleeping baby.

Accept answers that correctly connect a soft, regular, or loud sound to a useful purpose. For the open table, accept reasonable everyday examples with a clear explanation of why that sound level fits the situation.