ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Everyday Vocabulary Sounds Test

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Explanations

1. We heard a _____ of tyres. It was a police car turning a corner at top speed.
✔ **A) squeal**
A **squeal** is a long, high, loud sound. Tyres make this sound when a car turns or stops very fast: **the squeal of tyres**.

2. The plates and glasses fell to the floor with a _____.
✔ **C) crash**
A **crash** is the loud noise of things hitting something hard and breaking, like plates and glasses falling to the floor. Not **bang**, which is one short, sharp noise, like a door or a gun.

3. We live near the airport and there's a terrible _____ every time a plane goes overhead.
✔ **C) roar**
A **roar** is a very loud, deep, continuous noise, like the noise of a plane's engines, heavy traffic or a lion.

4. The day was very quiet and we could hear the _____ of leaves in the wind.
✔ **B) rustle**
A **rustle** is a soft, light sound of dry things moving together, like leaves in the wind or paper: **the rustle of leaves**.

5. He fell into the water with a great _____.
✔ **D) splash**
A **splash** is the sound of something falling or hitting water: **He fell into the water with a splash**.

6. I heard a _____. It sounded like a gunshot.
✔ **D) bang**
A **bang** is one sudden, loud noise, like a gunshot, an explosion or a door shutting hard.

7. It was an enormous, heavy, old, wooden door and it used to _____ loudly when anyone opened it.
✔ **B) creak**
To **creak** means to make a long, high sound when you move or press on old wood or metal: **The old door creaked when it opened**.

8. It was the best football match I've ever seen. Both teams played hard until the final _____.
✔ **C) whistle**
In football, the referee blows a **whistle** to end the game. **The final whistle** means the end of the match.

9. The metal tray fell down the stone stairs with a _____.
✔ **B) clatter**
A **clatter** is a series of loud, hard knocking sounds, like a metal or hard object falling and hitting something many times: **The tray fell down the stairs with a clatter**.

10. I could hear the _____ of thunder in the distance.
✔ **A) rumble**
A **rumble** is a long, deep, low sound, like thunder far away or heavy traffic: **the rumble of thunder**.

11. There was no sound except the quiet _____ of the air conditioning.
✔ **A) hum**
A **hum** is a low, steady sound that does not stop, like a machine, a fridge or air conditioning working.

12. At every hour on the radio, there are six _____ so that people can check the precise time.
✔ **C) pips**
The pips are short, high sounds on British radio that tell you the exact time. The last pip marks the start of the hour.

13. The champagne cork finally came out with a loud _____.
✔ **B) pop**
A **pop** is a short, sharp sound, like a cork coming out of a bottle or a balloon bursting: **The cork came out with a pop**.

14. Be careful. The ice is very thin and I think I heard it _____.
✔ **C) crack**
To **crack** means to break with a short, sharp sound. Thin ice can **crack** when you walk on it.

15. To celebrate the happy event, all the church bells in the town began to _____.
✔ **B) peal**
Bells **peal** when they ring loudly, often many bells together, for a happy event like a wedding.

16. I must oil my bike. There's a _____ somewhere in the back wheel.
✔ **A) squeak**
A **squeak** is a short, high sound, like a dry wheel or a mouse. You put oil on a wheel to stop it squeaking.

17. The engine of a Rolls-Royce is so quiet that even when the car is going fast you can hear the clock _____.
✔ **D) tick**
A clock **ticks**: it makes a short, quiet sound every second. **I could hear the clock tick**.

18. The animals had small bells round their necks, which used to _____ when they moved.
✔ **D) jingle**
To **jingle** means to make a light, ringing sound, like small bells or keys or coins moving together.