



- As you read, ask your child to predict the sounds for each animal.
- After reading once with help, your child might also enjoy reading this story to you, to their younger siblings, to pets, or even to stuffed animals – eventually without your help.

THE SOUNDS OF NATURE

This hard board book introduces young children to the sounds of nature on the West Coast of British Columbia.

This is a great book to reinforce and practice sound *pronunciation* (which means saying words in specific ways). Encourage your child to carefully practice making the sounds of the following words.

- Roar (rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrroar)
- Hiss (hissssssssssss)
- Crash (kurrrrrrraaaaaaaassssssssh)

You can also use others from the story, or come up with your own.

TAKE A SOUND BREAK WITH YOUR CHILD

Take a moment to close your eyes and imagine the sounds of:

- A campfire
- Waves hitting the shoreline
- A fast-moving river
- Wind blowing through the forest
- A flock of geese
- The sound of a beating hand drum

WONDEROUS WORDS

Adding new action words (verbs) to the vocabulary of young readers is helpful for their literacy success in elementary grades.

To scrape *We like to scrape the icing off the bowl with a spoon.*

To murmur *I can hear the voices outside my tent murmuring, but I do not know what they are saying.*

To hiss *We listen for the water to hiss in the kettle to know it is ready to make tea.*

To squawk *Seagulls and ravens like to squawk loudly at each other when they circle the dump.*

To rush *In the spring, the water rushes over the falls swiftly and loudly.*

To crackle *The twigs crackle when we walk on them.*

Ask your child to try making realistic sound effects. You can also record them with your phone to play the sounds back with your child. Try it by clicking [here](#).

Listen to the sounds of Ravens by clicking [here](#), and Orcas by clicking [here](#).