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Objective: Show how sound can travel through solids better than air. Materials:Two paper cupsA 2-meter length of stringA sharp pencil How to Do It:- Poke a small hole in the bottom of each cup.- Thread the string through each hole and tie a knot at both ends.- Have two participants stand apart and keep the string taut.- One person speaks into the cup while the other listens. Observation: Sound vibrations travel along the tight string, making the voice clearer than it would be through the air. Sound energy is the energy released by the vibration of objects, and measured in a unit called joules. Sound is a wave, and it has oscillating compressions and displacement, being able to store both kinetic energy and potential energy.Thats the quick definition of sound energy, but to better understand sound energy, it would be helpful to take a closer look at the structure of sound and how it interacts with objects, as well as how it stores and releases energy.Sound is the vocabulary of nature. Pierre SchaefferWhat Is Sound?Lets start off by defining sound. Sound can be thought of as simply the energy that objects create when they are vibrating. As an example, consider a drum that vibrates when hit. The drum pushes the air around the drum around and makes it vibrate in addition. The energy will move through the air, making it vibrate in every direction until the vibrations hit your ear, and this is what causes the perception of sound. While sound can be said to have two different aspects to it a psychological aspect that is the perception and interpretation of sound within the ears and brain, and the physical process that creates sound energy this article will deal mainly with the physical aspects of sound.Sound is the travel of energy through the air and its arrival at the ear following this. You can think of the sound waves as similar to ocean waves, traveling in a specific direction and vibrating in a specific way. However, there is a difference between how ocean waves vibrate and soundwaves vibrate. While ocean waves vibrate up and down, sound waves do not vibrate in this way. Ocean waves are referred to as transverse waves because as the water moves up and down, the energy and the wave transverses forward.In contrast, as soundwaves travel forward, the air in front of the soundwaves spreads out in some areas and is bunched together in other areas. This creates rarefactions and compressions, stretched out areas and bunched up areas respectively. So while ocean waves vibrant up and down and water, the soundwaves will either pull or push the air back and forth.Sound Waves And ReflectionIf you watch the way that ocean waves interact with a beachfront, youll notice that they do things like hit beach walls and are reflected back into the ocean. The waves can also spread up the beach until they run out of energy or spread out in ripples. This is a reflection of the way that energy behaves when transferred by ocean waves, and soundwaves can be thought of as reflecting in this matter as well.Soundwaves can reflect off surfaces just the way that ocean waves bounce off of the seawall, or much like light reflects off the mirror. Echoes are just reflections of soundwaves, they are simply sound reflections. The sound energy that originates from a source bounces off of the surface and travels back in the direction of the source, entering your ears a second time. There is a delay between the origination of the sound and the echo that you hear, due to the fact that it takes more time for the sound of the echo to reflect off of the surface and travel back.Sound waves do not die out. They travel forever and forever. All our sentences are immortal. Our useless bleatings circle the universe for all eternity. Fay WeldonAs they travel, sound waves lose their energy. Aspects of the environment, such as wind and weather can affect how quickly the sound waves lose their energy and are overwhelmed by other sounds. This is why it is easier to hear sounds far away on calm days than on windy days, as the wind dissipates their energy quicker. Likewise, ocean waves also would dissipate in similar fashions. Waves of water are capable of traveling far into the ocean, yet they can also be interrupted by stormy weather.Sound waves are similar to ocean waves and light waves in other aspects well. As ocean waves travel into a bay, they spread out and ripple in circles. Soundwaves have this property as well, which is why they can be heard around corners. For instance, if someone is playing a musical instrument around the corner, the soundwaves will travel out from the source point and spread out as they move, enabling them to be heard even though the soundwaves arent coming at you in a straight line. This property is called diffraction.Measuring Sound WavesSounds have different frequencies. Waves on the bottom have higher frequencies than those on top. Photo: LucasVB via Wikimedia Commons, Public DomainAll sound waves have similar properties, acting in the same way. They travel through the environment by making molecules and atoms vibrate back and forth. However, soundwaves are different as well, having different pitches and cadences, being loud or quiet. What accounts for differences between sounds when the soundwaves are operating in the exact same way? The energy that soundwaves make when an object vibrates possesses a specific pattern, small or large. The amplitude or intensity of the sound refers to how loud a sound is, and a larger, more powerful sounds have higher amplitude.While amplitude is one property of soundwaves, another property of soundwaves is their frequency or pitch. The frequency or pitch of a sound wave refers to the number of waves that a sound source creates in approximately one second. A violin is a higher-pitched instrument than a double bass instrument, so violins make higher-pitched sound/produce more waves second than base instruments.Shows how pitch changes over time. Photo: By Rburtonresearch Own work, CC BY-SA 4.0, why is it that a piano and violin can produce soundwaves that have the exact same frequency and amplitude and yet sound different from one another? This is because the waves they produce are not identical, even if they are similar in frequency and amplitude. Any given instrument will make many different soundwaves at a given time. There is the main wave that has a certain pitch and amplitude to it, and this main wave is referred to as the fundamental. Over the fundamental, there are waves referred to as overtones and harmonics, which are made out of higher-pitched sounds with a frequency that is many times higher than the fundamental frequency.Due to these facets of soundwaves, every instrument has its own unique combination of harmonics and frequencies referred to as a timbre. This means that even very similar instruments have their own unique sound profile. The amplitude of the waves produced by a certain instrument also shifts in unique ways over a period of time, higher-pitched noises frequently dissolve quicker and die off than lower tones.The Speed Of SoundAs previously mentioned, sound carries energy and waves, and therefore the speed of sound refers to the speed at which the sound waves move. The speed of sound is the speed at which sound energy moves between two different points. The speed of sound isnt actually a constant speed, rather it differs in different atmospheric conditions. Sound will travel at different speeds through gases, liquids, and solids, and even the speed it has through a specific type of material can change. However, in general, the speed of sound at sea level is around 1220 km an hour or 760 miles per hour.The speed of sound is roughly correlated with the density of the medium it is traveling through, and it travels faster through solid and liquid materials than gas. Sound travels around 15 times faster through a section of steel than it does through the air, and it also travels through the water about four times faster than air. In terms of how sound travels through gases, the speed of sound depends on the type of gas and other factors like temperature. The chemical makeup of the gas influences the speed at which the sound travels, for instance, sound travels around three times quicker in helium gas than in the regular air found in the atmosphere. Sound also travels quicker in the warmer air that is close to the ground than in the colder air which is higher up.Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear to be bright until you hear them speak. Brian WilliamsSo what is the sound barrier? When a jet airplane is said to break the sound barrier, it accelerates to a speed that it is able to move faster than the high-intensity sound waves that are coming from its own engines. As the sound waves compress together, they overlap and produce a barrier that rapidly expands as the jet plane passes through them, creating a powerful, loud sonic boom. The fact that the jets are moving faster than the speed of sound is the reason that fighter planes can fly by a second or two before their jet engines are heard.How Different Musical Instruments WorkPhoto: Pexels via Pixabay, CC0When it comes to music, different musical instruments produce sound in different ways. Instruments like drums, pianos, and xylophones are known as percussive instruments. These percussive instruments operate through striking an object with a hammer or similar tool, making the object vibrate. The drumhead or piano wire vibrates in its own unique way, creating the sound waves that travel through the air.Meanwhile, wind instruments and brass instruments function by making an air column resonate, causing the air to vibrate back and forth. The valves and holes on the instrument control the intensity of the residence, altering the pitch of the instrument.Electrical or synthetic instruments operate by creating electrical vibrations. The circuits within the instrument create different waveforms that either mimic the sounds of traditional instruments or create new sounds altogether. Form of energy that can be heard by living thingsSound measurementsCharacteristicSymbolsSound pressurep, SPL, LPAParticle velocityv, SVLParticle displacementSound intensityI, SILSound powerP, SWL, LWASound energyWSound energy densitywSound exposureE, SELAcoustic impedanceZAudio frequencyAFTransmission lossTLvteIn physics, sound energy is a form of energy that can be heard by living things. Only those waves that have a frequency of 16Hz to 20kHz are audible to humans. However, this range is an average and will slightly change from individual to individual. Sound waves that have frequencies below 16Hz are called infrasonic and those above 20kHz are called ultrasonic. Sound is a mechanical wave and as such consists physically in oscillatory elastic compression and in oscillatory displacement of a fluid. Therefore, the medium acts as storage for both potential and kinetic energy.[1]Consequently, the sound energy in a volume of interest is defined as the sum of the potential and kinetic energy densities integrated over that volume: W = W p o t e n t i a l + W k i n e t i c = V p 2 2 0 c 2 d V + V v 2 2 d V , {\displaystyle W=W_{\mathrm {potential} }+W_{\mathrm {kinetic} }=\int _{V}{\frac {p^{2}}{2\rho _{0}c^{2}}}\,\mathrm {d} V+\int _{V}{\frac {\rho v^{2}}{2}}\,\mathrm {d} V,} whereV is the volume of interest;p is the sound pressure;v is the particle velocity;0 is the density of the medium without sound present; is the local density of the medium; andc is the speed of sound.Sound energy density^ Mser, M.; Mller, G. (2012). Handbook of Engineering Acoustics. Springer. p.7. ISBN9783540694601.Retrieved from " can financial brands set themselves apart through visual storytelling? 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We use our sense of sound to navigate our environment, to communicate and to enjoy music. But what is sound? How is it made and how does it transmit from one location to another? Sound is a type of mechanical wave or an oscillation of matter. A wave is a disturbance that travels from one location to another in a medium. The key here is that the points in the medium oscillate in place while the disturbance itself travels.For example, consider a wave done by a crowd at a ball game. The fans in their seats serve as the wave medium. Individually, they stand up, raise their arms and then sit back down they oscillate in place. The disturbance, however, travels all the way around the stadium.Oscillations in a medium tend to come in one of two varieties: Transverse waves oscillate at right angles to the direction of travel (as with the audience at the stadium, or a wave on a string) and longitudinal waves oscillate parallel to the direction of travel.Sound waves are longitudinal waves. When a sound wave propagates through a medium, such as air, it does so by causing the air molecules to vibrate, which causes changes in air pressure, resulting in compressions (regions of high pressure) and rarefactions (regions of low pressure) in the air as the wave travels.Think of a toy spring like a Slinky stretched out across a table with one person holding either end. If one person plucks the Slinky toward themselves, it will send a longitudinal wave down the Slinky. You will see regions of the Slinky coils that are more closely spaced (compressions) and more loosely spaced (rarefactions). Any given point in the Slinky oscillates back and forth in place as the disturbance moves from one end to the other.Again, this is exactly what happens with sound waves in air, or any other medium, for that matter. Just as with any other wave, sound waves are created by an initial disturbance or vibration. A struck tuning fork, for example, vibrates at a specific frequency. As it moves, it bumps into the air molecules around it, periodically compressing them.The compressed regions transfer this energy to their neighboring air molecules as well and the disturbance moves through the air until it reaches your ear, at which point it transfers energy to your eardrum, which will vibrate at the same frequency and be interpreted by your brain as sound.When you speak, you vibrate your larynx (a small hollow tube at the top of your windpipe), which in turn vibrates the air around it, which then propagates the sound energy to the listener. By contracting and expanding the tissue in your larynx as well as manipulating the articulators in your mouth (your lips, tongue and other mouth structures), you can create different sounds.All objects can be sound sources that create sound in the same way by vibrating and transferring those vibrations to an adjacent medium, such as the air. In dry air, sound travels at a speed of\(v = 331.4 + 0.6T_c\)where _Tc_ is the temperature in Celsius. On a standard 20 degree Celsius (68 degrees Fahrenheit) day, sound travels at about 343.4 m/s. That's about 768 miles per hour!The speed of sound is different in different media. For example, the rate at which a sound wave travels in water can be greater than 1,437 m/s; in wood it is 3,850 m/s; and in aluminum, in excess of 6,320 m/s!As a general rule, sound travels faster in materials where the molecules are closer together. It travels the fastest in solids, second fastest in liquids and slowest in gases. You can perform a simple experiment to measure the speed of sound. To do this, you will need a sound-emitting source (which could be a tuning fork, a hand clap or your own voice), and a reflecting surface a known distance away from the source (such as a solid cliff wall several meters in front of you, or the closed end of a simple tube).Provided you have equipment (and/or reflexes fast enough) that can measure the time-lapse between when sound is emitted and when it returns to the source location via an echo off of the reflecting surface, you will have enough information to determine the speed.Simply take twice the distance from the source to the reflecting surface (since sound travels from the source to the surface, and then back again) and divide it by the time between sound emission and echo.As an example, suppose you shout into a 200-m-deep canyon and receive an echo back in 1.14 seconds. The speed of sound would be 2 200 / 1.14 = 351 m/s. You may be familiar with the phenomenon of certain aircraft breaking the sound barrier. What this means is that the aircraft flies faster than the speed of sound. At the moment it exceeds this speed, it creates a sonic boom.An aircraft traveling at Mach 1 is traveling at the speed of sound. Mach 2 is twice the speed of sound and so on. The fastest aircraft in the world was the North American X-15, which reached a speed of Mach 6.7 on October 3, 1967.On land, the speed of sound was broken on October 15, 1997 by Andy Green who went 763.035 miles per hour in a ThrustSSC jet car in the Black Rock Desert in Nevada. The frequency of a wave is the number of oscillations that occur at a given point in the medium per second. It is measured in units of hertz (Hz) where 1 Hz = 1/s. The wavelength of a sound wave is the distance between two consecutive regions of maximum compression. It is typically measured in units of meters (m).The speed of a sound wave, v, is directly related to frequency f wavelength lambda via v = f.The speed of sound in a particular medium does not depend on frequency or wavelength, but is instead a constant of that particular medium. The frequency of a sound wave will always match the frequency of the sound source, so it does not depend on the medium or the wave speed.Hence, in two different media, the frequencies will be the same, while speeds will be specific to the mediums and the wavelengths will vary accordingly. (High frequency corresponds to small wavelengths, and vice versa.)Frequency ranges that are typically detectable by the human ear run from 64 Hz to 23 kHz, though people tend to lose their ability to hear the higher frequencies as they age. In contrast, dogs can hear all the way up to about 45 kHz (which is why they respond to dog whistles that are inaudible to humans), cats can hear up to 64 kHz and porpoises can hear all the way up to 150 kHz! You've no doubt come across this quote from the 1979 movie Alien, and it's true: sound does not travel in a vacuum. This is because it needs a medium. There has to be some material between the sound source and you in order for the sound to propagate.So all of those space battle scenes you see in movies with the loud explosions? Completely false! There would be no sound because there is no medium for it to travel through. Sound intensity, I, is the sound power per unit area. The SI unit for sound intensity is watts/m2 where _I0_ = 10-12 W/m2 is considered the threshold for human hearing. Colloquially, sound intensity is what we consider to be the "loudness" of a sound.A common way of presenting perceived loudness of sound is by using the decibel (dB) scale, where sound intensity is in decibels:\(\text{intensity in decibels}=10\log{\frac{I}{I_0}}\)This scale is useful because humans don't perceive loudness linearly. That is, a sound with twice the intensity can seem like more than twice as loud when it started out quiet, and less than twice as loud if it started out somewhat loud already. The decibel scale provides numbers more consistent with our perceptions.The sound of light breathing rates at about 10 dB, while conversation in a restaurant is about 60 dB. A jet flyover at 1,000 ft is about 100 dB. A borderline painful thunderclap is 120 dB, and your ear drums rupture at 150 dB.The energy in a sound wave is directly related to the intensity. The units of intensity, W/m2, are the same as J/(sm2) or energy in joules per second per square meter. Recall that the speed of sound only depended on the medium, and not on the frequency of the wave. This is a good thing because otherwise listening to a concert would be a terrible experience, with different musical notes reaching you out of order.Different frequencies of sound correspond to different pitches, or musical notes. When a singer sings, they produce different frequencies by changing the size and shape of their larynx. Musical instruments are designed to create sound of pure tones typically by creating standing waves, whether in a tube or pipe, or along a string.Consider a string instrument such as a guitar. The frequency at which a plucked string vibrates depends on its mass density (how much mass per unit length), the tension in the string (how tight it is held) and its length. If you look at a guitar, you will see that each string has a different thickness. The tuning knobs on the end of the handle allow you to adjust the string tension, and the frets give you places to put your fingers to alter the string lengths as you play, allowing you to create many different notes.Woodwinds, in contrast, consist of hollow tubes where standing waves can be created in columns of air (just like in your larynx). The different tone holes on such an instrument allow you to change the types of standing waves that can form, and hence change the notes that can be played.For an instrument like a trombone, you can also adjust the tube length by moving the slide back and forth, allowing for different frequency standing waves, and hence different notes to be played.Percussive instruments, such as drums, rely on vibrations of a membrane (such as a drum head). Much like plucking the strings of a guitar, when you strike the drum head at different locations, standing waves form on the membrane, creating sound. The frequency and quality of the sound depends on the size of the membrane, its thickness and tension. TOWELL, GAYLE. "Sound: Definition, Types, Characteristics & Frequencies" sciencing.com, . 28 December 2020. APA TOWELL, GAYLE. (2020, December 28). Sound: Definition, Types, Characteristics & Frequencies. sciencing.com. Retrieved from Chicago TOWELL, GAYLE. Sound: Definition, Types, Characteristics & Frequencies last modified August 30, 2022. TYPES OF ENERGY - examples explained (i) Sound energy Doc Brown's Physics Exam Revision Notes: This page will help you answer questions such as ... How is sound energy produced? Can you store sound energy? Index of types of energy stores/transfers Sound energy Technically not an energy store, but an important form of energy transfer Sound is caused by any material object vibrating (piano strings, vocal chords) or any vibrations in a material (earthquake waves in the Earth's crust) - its all the same really! This is energy carried by the vibrations of sound waves in a medium usually air, but can be liquids like water or solids like iron. Noise from loudspeakers, squealing brakes of a car, using your vocal chords! Useful as it is, you cannot store sound energy as the vibration energy is always dissipated to the surroundings - usually increasing the thermal energy store of anything the sound waves impact on (absorption) and the surroundings.- therefore In most cases the energy from sound waves increases the thermal energy stores of these materials. See Sound waves - properties explained, uses of sound including ultrasound for all the details Keywords, phrases and learning objectives on sound energy transfer Know that sound waves are caused by vibration and can transfer energy from one place to another - but do require a medium to vibrate through. 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All copyrights reserved on Doc Brown's physics revision notes, images, quizzes, worksheets etc. Copying of website material is NOT permitted. Exam revision summaries and references to GCSE science course specifications are unofficial. INDEX ENERGY: Types, stores, transfers, energy calculations chainsaw: aleksey-martynyuk , balloon: corbac40 , lion: Tigatelu Used under Getty Images license What is sound energy? Sound energy is defined as the movement of vibrations through matter. Sound energy is produced when an object vibrates, which results in noise. The sound vibrations cause waves of pressure that travel through a medium, such as air, water, wood, or metal. Discover some of the many sound energy examples, most of which you've probably experienced. Sound energy is a form of kinetic mechanical energy. People experience many examples of sound energy in everyday life. an air conditioning fanan airplane taking offa ballerina dancing in toe shoesa balloon poppingthe bell dinging on a microwavea boombox blaringa broom swishinga buzzing beechampagne glasses clicking in a toasta copier machinedoorbell chimingdripping faucetan open fire cracklingfireworks popping or explodinga flag flapping in a strong breezejingle bellsmeat sizzling on the grillpaper crumplingpaper tearingpouring milk into Rice Krispies cerealradiator pipes clankinga radioa slinky in motiona tea kettle whistlinga waterfallwaves crashing into a rocky shorea whistlewind chimes clanging Heavy equipment such as vehicles and industrial equipment makes noise, so these items are examples of sound energy. The next time you're in an area where there are a lot of vehicles or businesses, pay attention to the sound energy examples present there. car brakes squealinga car or other vehicle crashinga car door closinga car or truck enginea motorcycle enginea car horn honkingthe siren on a police car or ambulance tires squealing when racinga sonic booma train moving on the tracksrailroad crossing signalthe siren on a fire enginea ship's foghornsmoothing wood with sandpapera jackhammera chainsaw Musical instruments make pleasant sounds, assuming that they are being operated by someone who knows how to play them. What sounds like music to your ears is also an example of sound energy. If you're near an instrument while it is being played, you can sometimes feel the vibrations. castanets clickinga calliope singingcymbals crashinga drumstick striking a drum headelectric guitar whininga hammer striking a steel string in a pianoa harp player plucking the strings with her fingersa musician blowing on a conch horna kazoo hummina metal striker hitting a metal trianglea mallet striking a gongmaracas shakinga mountain man blowing an alphorna player blowing across an opening on a flutea tuba blaringa ukulele being strummeda violin bow moving along a violin stringa xylophone tinkling The human body makes a lot of noises. Some sound energy produced by the human body is involuntary, while some represents noises that people make on purpose. Pay attention to the various sounds your body makes throughout the day. You just might be surprised to discover how much sound energy comes directly from you. baby cryingbelchingblowing your noseclearing your throatclicking your tonguecoughingcracking knucklesgrinding your teethgulping waterhiccuppingpassing gassmacking your lipsyour stomach growlingsighingsnortingsneezingsnoringyelpinghumminglaughingshouting or yellingscreamingtalkingwhisperingwhistling Most activities produce some kind of sound. It's hard to move around or use any kind of object without producing sound energy. Almost everything you do produces sound energy. the pitter-patter of little feetshushing someonesomeone shuffling cardsstomping your feetsmoochingwalking in autumn leavessnapping your fingersoperating a vacuum cleanerraking leavessinging a songslapping your thighsclogging or tap dancingtap dancingdiver splashing into a body of waterclapping your handsclicking a computer mouseoperating a hairdryergargling with mouthwash typing on a keyboard smacking gum taking a showerbrushing your teeth It's not just people who produce sound energy with just about every action. Animals do as well. The sounds that animals make are also examples of sound energy. Some, such as the sounds baby animals make are pleasing, while others, such as roaring and howling noises, can be frightening. baby chickens peepingbird tweetingcat purringcat yowlingcricket chirpingdog barkingdog pantingdolphins clickingdoves cooingfrogs croakinggoose honkinghen cacklinghorse hooves striking pavementhyena laughinglion roaringowl hootingpig gruntingrattlesnake rattlingsheep bleatingsnake hissingturkey gobblingwhale singingwoodpecker peckingwolves howling There are many types of weather conditions, most of which result in sound energy being produced. The next time a weather event rolls through your area, pay attention to the sounds of Mother Nature. hailstones pounding on the rooflood water gushing down a valleyrain striking the metal roof on a buildingraindrops falling on leavessleet hitting the windowclaps of thundertornadoes roaringwaves crashing along the shorethe howling of strong windlight wind rustling the tree leaves Now that you have reviewed this extensive list of sound energy examples, you should have a better understanding of what sound energy is and realize that it can be observed just about anywhere. Has this piqued your interest in learning more about energy? Discover many different types of energy and review examples of each. Share copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format for any purpose, even commercially. Adapt remix, transform, and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially. The licensor cannot revoke these freedoms as long as you follow the license terms. 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Sound energy is a form of kinetic energy caused by the physical vibration of air particles or molecules. The particles collide with other neighboring particles causing them to vibrate. These vibrations travel in a straight line. When they reach our ears, we perceive them as sound. Sound energy is derived from an external source. Here are some examples of how sound is generated. Car honkingAirplane taking offPolice whistlingDog barkingWind howlingBaby crying Sound Energy The particles vibrate about their position until they reach an equilibrium. The vibrations, and hence sound, are transmitted in the form of a wave, known as a sound wave. The particles vibrate in the same direction as the wave propagates. Such type of wave is known as a longitudinal wave. The sound wave carries energy and keeps traveling until it loses energy. Sound requires a medium to propagate. It can travel through air, water, wood, glass, or metal. Unlike light, sound cannot propagate in a vacuum since there are no particles to transmit the wave. When sound waves reach our ears, they are funneled to the eardrum. The eardrum is a part of the ear that converts sound energy into mechanical movements. It vibrates when struck, and a fluid carries the vibrations through three connected bones. The moving fluid bends a series of hair-like cells that convert the vibrations into nerve impulses. These impulses are carried to the brain by auditory nerves. The brain interprets them as sound. The intensity of sound is measured in the unit of decibels or dB, named after Scottish-born inventor Alexander Graham Bell. Bell invented the audiometer, a device that measures how well a person can hear sound. The decibel scale is logarithmic, which means that it represents the ratio of two measurable physical quantities. Similarly, sound pressure can also be expressed in dB. For example, a normal speaking voice is 60 dB. The sound of an airplane taking off is 115 dB. Sound wave frequency is measured in the unit of Hertz or Hz. One Hertz is equal to one sound vibration in one second. For a human to hear the sound, the frequency must be between 20 and 20,000 Hz. Any frequency below 20 Hz is called infrasound; above 20,000 Hz is called ultrasound. These two types of sound are inaudible to the human ear. From the energy conservation law, energy can neither be created nor destroyed. It can be transferred from one form to another. Here are some examples of how sound energy can be converted into other forms and vice versa. A microphone converts sound energy to electrical energyA loudspeaker converts electrical energy into sound energyA drummer converts mechanical energy into sound energyAn electric bell converts electrical energy into sound energy The primary use of sound energy is for hearing. Aside, it has other applications. Scientists use infrasonic sound to predict an earthquake, volcano, and avalancheA particular type of sound, SONAR (Sound Navigation And Ranging), is used to map the ocean floorDoctors use ultrasound to cure tumor cells of a cancer patient without any physical painDoctors also use ultrasound on pregnant women to detect any abnormality in the fetusUltrasound is used in the industry to detect any flaws in machinery parts and to determine the thickness of metalSoothing musical sound from Tibetian bowls can remove stress and body painBats produce ultrasonic waves to communicate among themselves and to find obstacles in their path Article was last reviewed on Thursday, July 28, 2022 Sound energy is the physical vibration waves that travel through the air to reach the ears signaling the brain to interpret incoming sound(s). Sound energy derives from an external source like playing a drum, for example, triggering vibrations to carry through the ambient air to engage listeners. What are 3 facts about sound energy?Fact 1: There are many different types of energy. Of all these types, sound energy produces the lowest amount of energy. Fact 2: Since sound energy produces just a limited amount of energy, it cannot be used to generate electricity. Fact 3: Sound waves lose energy as they move through a medium. Acoustic Instruments. Electronic Instruments. Electrical vibrations are the starting point of sounds from electronic organs and synthesizers. Living Things. Animals and people make sounds with their vocal cords, their mouths and other body parts. Machines. Nature.See also What are the 3 laws of gravity?Sound energy is the result when a force, either sound or pressure, makes an object or substance vibrate. That energy moves through the substance in waves. Those sound waves are called kinetic mechanical energy.Why is sound energy important?Without sound we wouldnt hear and therefore wouldnt speak. 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