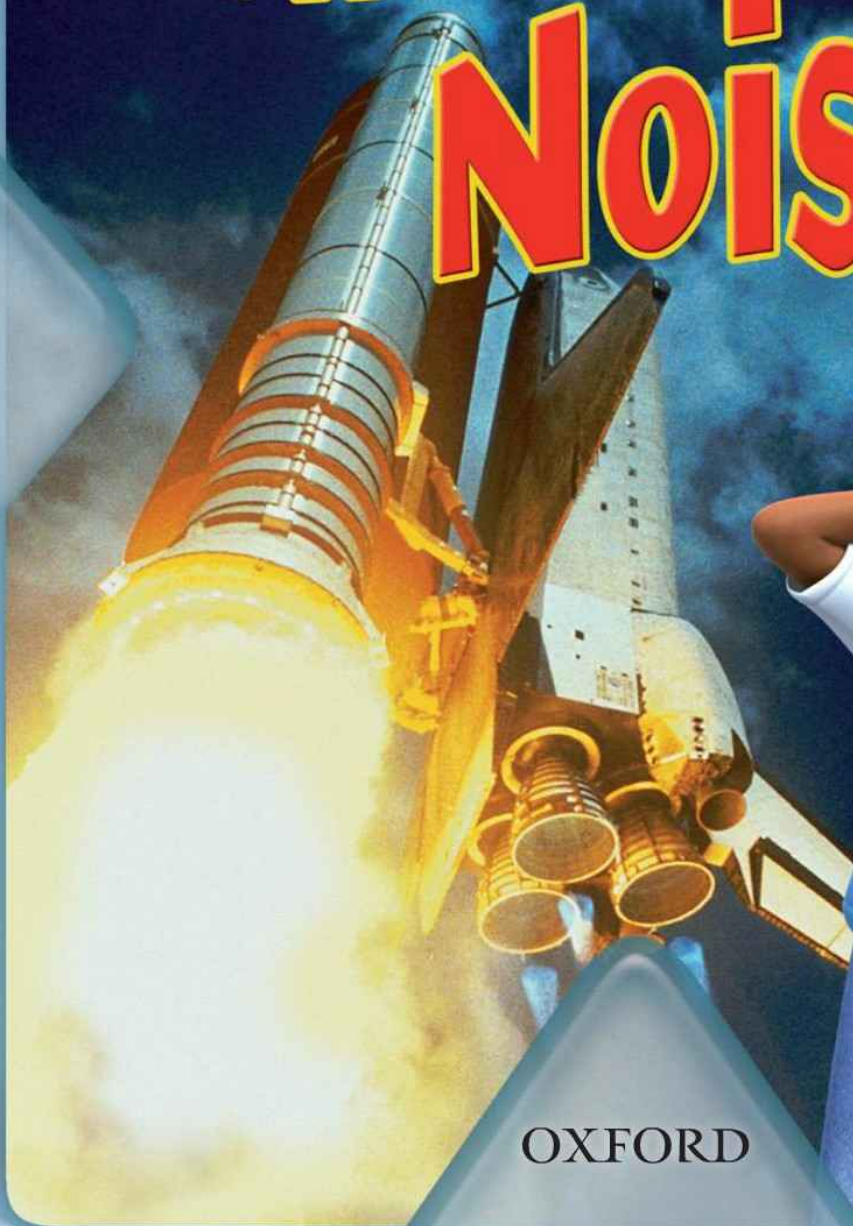


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# What's That Noise?



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## Before reading

Talk with your child about the book before they read it.

- Look at the front and back covers together – talk about what this book might be about.
- Look at some of the pictures together. Ask questions such as:
  - Can you think of any very loud noises?
  - Can you think of any very quiet noises?
- Look at the tricky word decibels on page 3. Help your child to read it and talk about what it means. Talk about how other things are measured.



## During reading

Encourage your child to read the book at their own pace. If your child gets stuck reading a word you could use the following prompts:

- Try to sound out the word.
- Go back to the start of the sentence and have another go.
- Look at the picture to help you.



## Tricky words

Here are some tricky words that your child will read in this book:

people	their	called	noise
vibration	decibels	measured	musician





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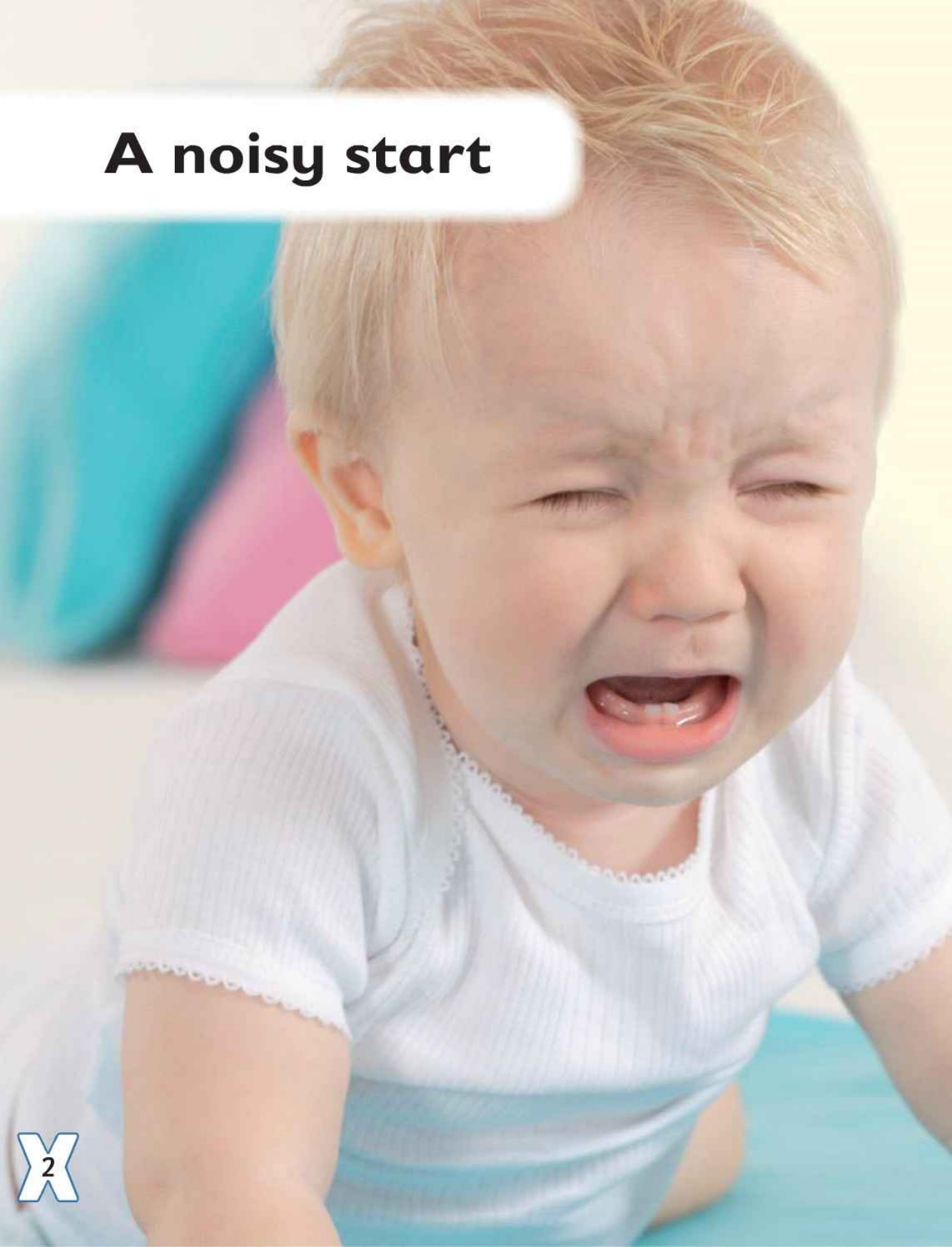
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# **A noisy start**



We all make noise.  
We start as soon as  
we are born.



Noise is measured in  
decibels. A baby crying  
is 60 decibels on the noise-o-meter.

That is as  
loud as my  
alarm clock!



# Shhhh! I'm sleeping

Some people make noise  
in their sleep.

A close-up photograph of a man's face as he sleeps. His eyes are closed, and his mouth is wide open, showing his tongue and throat. A large, stylized 'Z' is superimposed over his face, and a series of 'Z's and 'z's are written in a curved path across his mouth, representing snoring or heavy breathing. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white pillow.

**Zzzzzzzz**

That is as  
loud as a drill!




Snoring can be 70 decibels on the  
noise-o-meter.



# Feeling noise



People who are deaf can feel noise.  
Evelyn Glennie is a deaf musician.



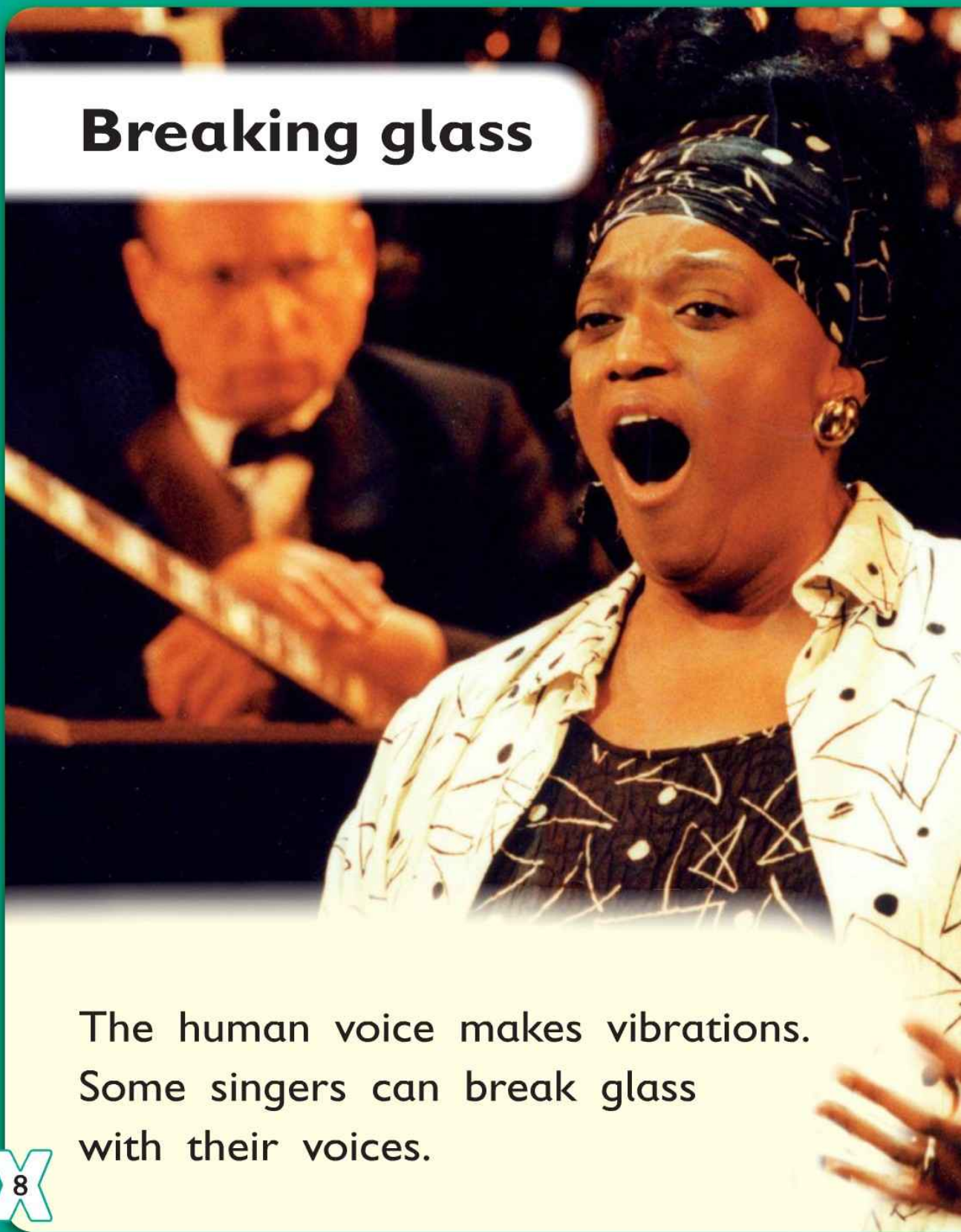
Evelyn's music is  
95 decibels on the  
noise-o-meter.



Noise makes things vibrate.  
Evelyn Glennie uses vibration to  
help her play.



# Breaking glass



The human voice makes vibrations.  
Some singers can break glass  
with their voices.



A loud note can  
make the glass vibrate  
and crack!



# Lift-off!

A rocket flying into space makes lots of noise. The engine is so loud it hurts your ears.





Warning! Noises  
over 140 decibels damage  
your hearing.



# Under the sea

An illustration of two blue whales swimming in a deep blue ocean. The whale in the foreground is shown in profile, swimming towards the left. Its mouth is slightly open, and its skin has a textured, wrinkled appearance. The second whale is visible in the background, also swimming towards the left. The water is a deep blue with some lighter blue highlights, suggesting depth and movement. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

The loudest animal is the blue whale.  
Whales make noises that can travel  
long distances under the water.



The blue whale  
is the biggest animal and  
the loudest animal!

Blue whales can hear each other  
from very far away.



# The biggest bang



The loudest noise ever heard came from a volcano. The volcano was called Krakatoa (say: crack-a-toe-a).



That is 190  
decibels on the  
noise-o-meter!

It made a bang so loud  
that people could hear  
it in other countries.



# Making a noise

drums banging

loud singing

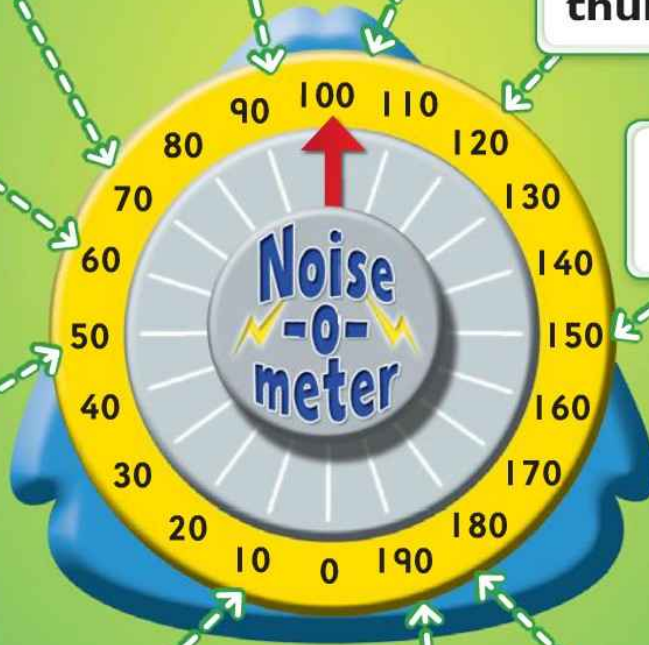
loud snoring

thunder

baby crying

rocket taking off

talking



breathing

blue whale calling

Krakatoa erupting





## After reading

Talk with your child about the book after reading. Here are some questions you could ask:

- What did you learn about noise?
- Can you remember what animal makes the loudest noise?
- Did you like the book? Why or why not?

Encourage your child to read the book again. This will build their reading confidence and reading fluency.



## Other things to do

Keep talking about this book. What other things do you know that make a loud noise?

You could make a simple 'telephone' by using a piece of string to connect the bottom of two plastic cups. See how the sound of your voices travel along the string.

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