

# BUZZ WORD

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# Sound

## Activity Book



# Bringing the Buzz to You!

The Buzzword Pittsburgh partners designed this kit to inspire your family to keep learning together. We chose activities that build on your child's natural curiosity, encouraging a growing vocabulary and a deeper engagement with books.

So...are you ready to get buzzing? First, read through **Just Music and Me** with your child. Then, go through the different activities, experiments, and ideas together, taking time to explain the meaning of the words and connecting them to your child's real-life experiences. For more resources, visit [www.BuzzwordPGH.org/sound](http://www.BuzzwordPGH.org/sound) for live workshops and more.

The world around us is full of sounds. Some are pleasant, some are noisy, and some are just plain fun to make or hear. Check out these book recommendations for pre-k students from the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh that explore all different kinds of sounds.

- **Achoo! Bang! Crash!** The Noisy Alphabet by Ross MacDonald
- **Boom Boom** by Sarvinder Naberhaus
- **The Ear Book** by Al Perkins
- **Say Zoop!** by Hervé Tullet
- **Sounds All Around** by Wendy Pfeffer
- **The Story Orchestra: Four Seasons in One Day** by Katie Cotton
- **Vroom Vroom Garbage Truck** by Asia Citro
- **What's Your Sound, Hound the Hound?** by Mo Willems
- **Zoom! Zoom! Sounds of Things That Go in the City** by Robert Burleigh



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Your feedback helps us deliver opportunities for discovery and learning to families like yours. Please take a few minutes for a quick survey about your Buzz Box. It's really important that we hear from you. Complete your survey for one (1) chance to win a \$100 grocery store gift card!\*

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## Build Your Own Kazoo

**Materials:** 1 large rubber band, 2 small rubber bands, 2 straw pieces, tongue depressors, decorative tape

Follow along to this song with a video at <https://tinyurl.com/BuzzwordKazoo>

**Step 1:** Lay the large rubber band over one tongue depressor from end to end.

**Step 2:** Take one straw piece and place it near the end of the tongue depressor under the rubber band.

**Step 3:** Place the 2nd tongue depressor on top of the one with the straw. Use the small rubber band to secure them together at the end. It should look like an alligator mouth!

**Step 4:** Take the second straw piece and put it at the other end (from the straw), in between the tongue depressors. It will not go under the large rubber band. Secure the end with the second small rubber band. Ta-da: you have a kazoo!

**Step 5:** Use the tape to decorate your kazoo. Make sure to only decorate on top of the tongue depressors, because if you tape around the depressors, your kazoo won't make any sound!

**Step 6:** Blow into your kazoo to make a buzzing sound

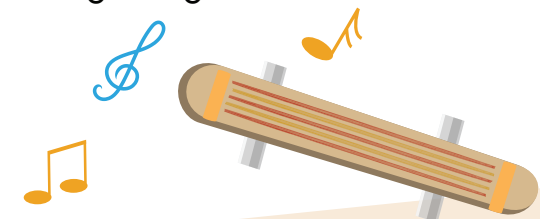
**Step 7:** Explore how you can make short and long sounds by blowing longer and shorter. You can also make louder and softer sounds by blowing forcefully and then more lightly.

**Step 8:** Make a pattern with short and long sounds, with loud and soft sounds, or a combination of both

**Step 9:** Practice your pattern.

Wow, you've created your own song using the sound of an instrument!

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# A Reading & Song

**Materials:** Your body, voice, and clappers

Follow along to this Sound Song with a video at [www.buzzwordpgh.org/sound](http://www.buzzwordpgh.org/sound)

**Step 1:** Watch the video.

**Step 2:** Listen to the book.

**Step 3:** Learn the song and the movement.

**Step 4:** Sing and dance to the song with us.



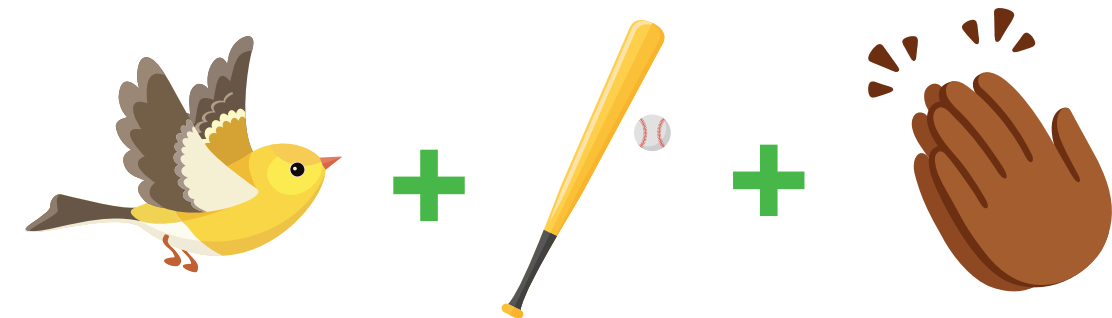
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# Create Patterns of Sounds

**Materials:** Activity worksheets, scissors

**Step 1:** Cut or Tear out each square.

**Step 2:** Use the sound/animals pictured to create different beats by changing the pattern you put them in.



"potato chip potato chip, clink, clap clap"



"che che chaw, bounce bounce, bum bum bum"

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# Body Drums & Hand Music

**Materials:** Body, shaker egg, kazoo

Follow along with a video at [www.buzzwordpgh.org/sound](http://www.buzzwordpgh.org/sound)

Let's do creative movements that make a sound, then we'll make a beat/rhythm with your body drums and hand music. Feel free to include every member of your household or just two family members! We will use our beats/rhythms to keep time. We'll use our body drums and hand music beats to make a Body Drum Band! We are learning to keep a steady beat that promotes good math skills and uses both sides of the brain. It is joyful to play music together!

Let's use parts of our body to make sounds:

- Step 1:** Clap your hands.
- Step 2:** Stomp your feet.
- Step 3:** Pop your fingers.
- Step 4:** Carefully slap your shoulder.
- Step 5:** Carefully slap your thigh.
- Step 6:** Carefully cross your arms and slap them together.
- Step 7:** Rub your hands together lightly.



# Who Are We?

Buzzword Pittsburgh excites children and families as they experience the words that are all around them. Through talk and play about math, science, and art, young children will expand their vocabularies and conversation skills. The program engages families and community organizations in Pittsburgh's Homewood neighborhood and the greater community.

The Buzzword Pittsburgh collaborative consists of six partner organizations with expertise in the arts and sciences. These partners provide interactive learning opportunities that encourage imagination, investigation, creation, and reflection. This initiative is supported by The Heinz Endowments and PNC Grow Up Great®.





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