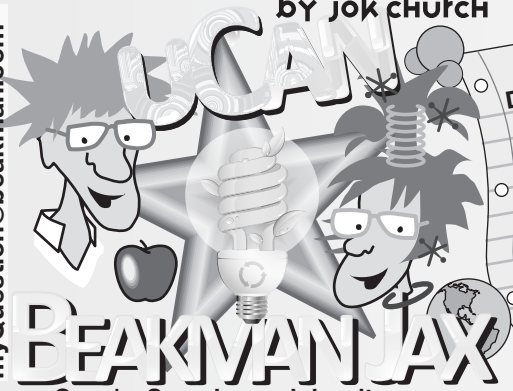


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Dear Beakman,
 How come my voice
 sounds different to
 me than it does to
 other people?
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 Questions, name & address

Dear Lillian,
 It sounds like you've heard your voice on a recorder
 of some kind – maybe in a voicemail.

Others hear your voice with the sounds
 traveling through air. Your voice travels
 through lots of other stuff to reach your
 ears – stuff like the bones and meat you and
 your head are made of.

Sounds sound different depending on what
 they travel through. You hear your voice
 different than anyone else – another way
 you are unique (u-NEEK).

Stuff To Do:

- Listen to yourself knocking your knuckles or fist lightly on a table. Then, hold your ear down right onto the table, and knock again. *Different* sounding, isn't it?
- Sometimes swimming pools have music that plays underwater. Take a listen, it'll sound *different*.
- When people hold their ears up to doors to snoop on other people, those sounds will be *different*, too.
- Pluck 2 prongs of a fork with 2 of your fingernails and you'll not hear much at all. Do the same thing with the handle of the fork held right on your headbone right behind your ear. Then, it will sound more like a chime – *different*. Do it again with the fork handle held in different places on you.

Those *different* sounds are about what the sounds are traveling through. The speed of sounds change and pitches (like musical notes) travel differently through different stuff.

Think about all the stuff your voice travels through to reach your own ears. It sounds *different*, too!

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P.S. from Jax: Fork prongs are also called tines (TINZ).