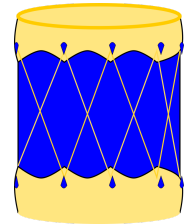


## Loud and Soft Sound Ideas

Your toddler or preschooler can begin to identify and create loud and soft sounds. Below are ideas for creating loud and soft sounds. You and your child can identify each loud and soft sound as you create them.

- Strike a drum close to the drumhead for a soft sound.
- Strike the drumhead from a farther distance to create a loud sound.



Teaching Tip: If you do not have a drum, you can use an empty formula canister or an empty shortening container and a wooden spoon.

- Shake a canister of salt for a soft sound.
- Bang a pot with a metal spoon for a loud sound.
- Play Duck Duck Goose with your child. Whisper "duck." Yell "Goose."
- Sing Row Row Row Your Boat. The first verse is soft. The second verse is loud.



(Softly) Row row row your boat gently down the stream.

Merrily merrily merrily merrily life is but a dream.

(Loudly) Row row row your boat gently down the stream. If you see a crocodile, don't forget to scream! Ahhh!

- Blow up a balloon without tying it. Slowly let the air out for a soft sound.
- Blow up a balloon and tie it. Sit on the balloon to pop it for a loud sound.
- Sing Old Mac Donald. For the first verse, sing the chick's cheep for a soft sound. For the second verse, sing the rooster's cock-o-doodle-doo for a loud sound.
- Sing or listen to Brahms' *Lullaby* softly.
- Sing or listen to *Happy Birthday* loudly.



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