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Excited voices rise and fall around you. You make your way to the curb. The crowd cheers as the first floats roll past. A drumbeat begins down the street. Everyone turns toward the sound. The sound grows until it shakes your whole body. Then the band begins playing.

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You hear the **bass** of tubas and the high **trills** of flutes. This is your favorite part of the parade!

What Is Hearing?

Our ears allow us to hear music, speech, and other sounds.

We can hear whispers and bangs, piercing screams and low hums. Each sound is a **vibration** that moves through the air in waves.