

Deafness

Can you test your hearing online?

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Question: Can you test your hearing online

Can you test your hearing online? Actually, you can! Several websites (linked to below) offer free online hearing tests. However, I am deaf myself, so I am unable to evaluate the effectiveness of these online hearing tests and need your feedback to improve the usefulness of this FAQ page.

Answer: Here are just a few of the online [hearing tests](#)¹ available. If you try them, please [e-mail me a description](#)² of what the test was like, and how effective or accurate it was. If you had to go to a professional audiologist following the online hearing test results, how did the professional [audiologist](#)³ results compare to the online hearing test?

- [DigitalRecordings.com](#)⁴ - An About.com visitor wrote: The site gives about seven or eight hearing tests to choose from, but the last choice is best, which is the 24-tone sample. Although my left speaker doesn't work, it gives a pretty fair reading.
- [Equal Loudness Contours and Audiometry](#)⁵ - An About.com visitor recommended this site. His comments: "Here's the best one I've seen yet. It features tones from 20 Hz to 16 KHz. You click until you can barely hear the tone and it registers the level."

A word of caution: I used a set of noise-cancelling headphones with a good frequency response. Inexpensive headphones or ones that do not cancel noise may make any test inaccurate.

Another word: The tones (to me) begin and end with a click -- that will make some of the uninitiated think they heard a sound. Listen for the actual tone."

Another About.com visitor wrote: "The UNSW chart of bars was helpful; you can compare your profile against a standard graph. However, it does not test whether the volume you perceive the frequencies at normal levels or not."

- [FreeHearingTest.com](#)⁶
From an About visitor: Was unimpressed, only 5 tones, no set volume level or spl check.
- [WorldHearing.com](#)⁷ - An About.com visitor wrote: Too confusing
- [Telecare Health](#)⁸ - **An About.com visitor wrote: It requires you to register with them and then sign in for the test. All free. Well thought out and accurate test.**

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