

Check out these 19 fun facts about hearing...

- *A new-born babies' middle ear is full of fluid and can impair their hearing slightly.*
- A dog's attention level can be determined by noticing their ears. Ears forward means engaged. Pulled back ears means friendly.
- *Your ears don't stop hearing when you sleep; your brain chooses to ignore sound.*
- Snakes hear through their jawbone and fish hear through ridges on their body because neither have physical ears.
- *Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by **700** times.*
- The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.
- *Sound travels at the speed of **1,130** feet per second.*
- A new-born baby's entire hearing apparatus is slightly immature but responds best to high-pitched voices.
- *The number one cause of hearing loss is exposure to excessively loud sounds (**85** decibels or higher).*
- Ears help in the sense of taste - We're not saying that you can really taste food with your ears, but they do have a function in transmitting taste signals to your brain. There is a division of nerves called the chorda tympani that just happens to run throughout the middle ear as it connects the undergo buds on the face of the tongue to the brain. Due to this, if somewhat happens to our ear it can potentially affect your capability to recognize flavour. "Occasionally ear surgery has an effect on your taste from a difficulty; or sometimes, a disease in your ear can affect taste."

- *The complete area of the central ear is not large, the internal ear is of about the size of a pencil eraser, but it has more than **20,000** hairs!*
- *Animals Have Remarkable Hearing Sense - In World War One (WWI) parrots were set aside on the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France for the reason of their extraordinary sense of hearing. When the Parrots hear the rival aircraft upcoming, they would inform everybody of the forthcoming hazard long prior to any human ear would hear it. This one is probably the most interesting fact about ears.*
- *New Ear Every Year - You get a novel ear canal each year. The ear canal skin is continually increasing external at rate of **1.3** inches each year. If it didn't drop off, you would have a two-foot cord lynching out of your ear by the age you were 20.*
- *When you die, hearing is the last sense to go; sight is the first.*
- *The right ear is better at hearing speech; the left ear is better at hearing music.*
- *The smallest bone in the body is the **stirrup**, which is located in the middle ear.*
- *We are born with approximately **3,500** sound detecting inner ear cells. Sadly, they can't regenerate.*
- *Vertigo is caused by dysfunction of the vestibular system.*
- *People with synaesthesia can literally "hear" colours, due to overlapping senses.*