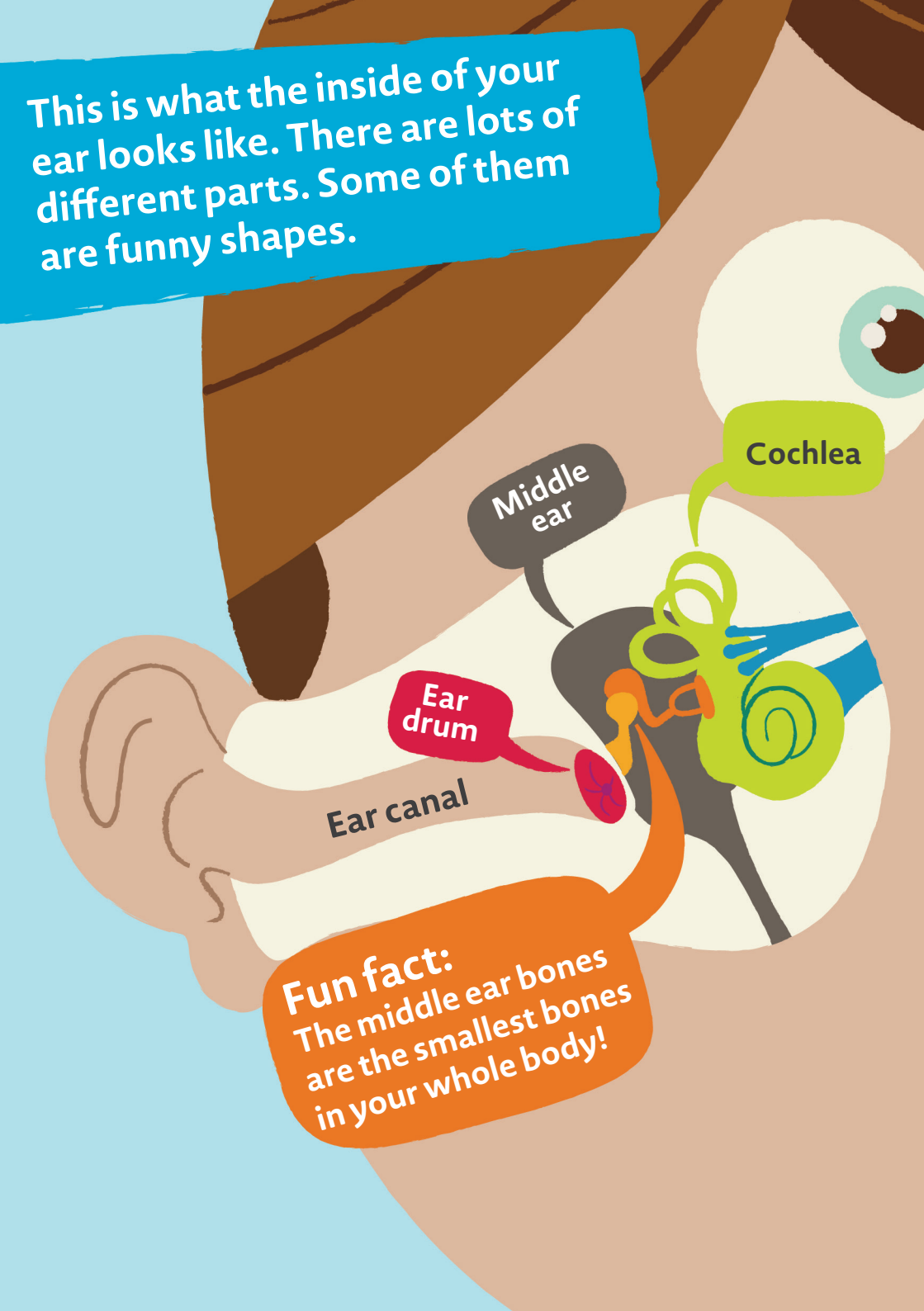


# Going to the Hearing Clinic



The person who checks your ears at the hearing clinic is an audiologist. They know all about ears, so you're in safe hands!



This is what the inside of your ear looks like. There are lots of different parts. Some of them are funny shapes.

**Fun fact:**  
The middle ear bones are the smallest bones in your whole body!

# Did you know?



You use your ears for listening...  
...AND balance.



The audiologist checks your ears to make sure they're doing everything they should.



One of the first things they do is look in your ears with a special torch. It doesn't hurt.



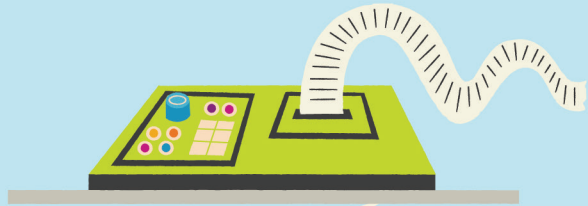
# Can you draw a picture of you and your audiologist?

Or you could write or draw the thing you enjoyed most about your visit to the audiologist.



You could show it to your audiologist next time you see them!





The audiologist will also put a small earphone in your ear to see how well your eardrums are moving.



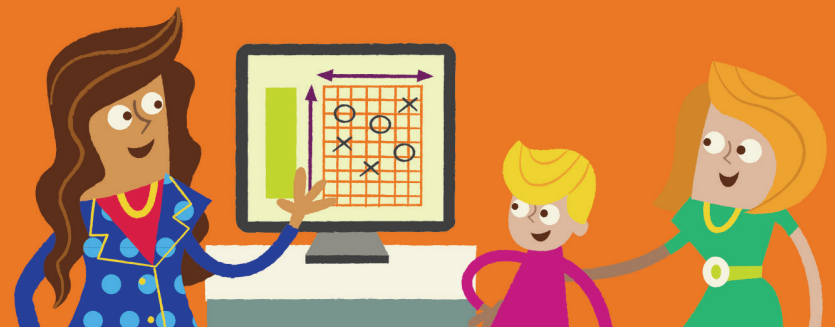
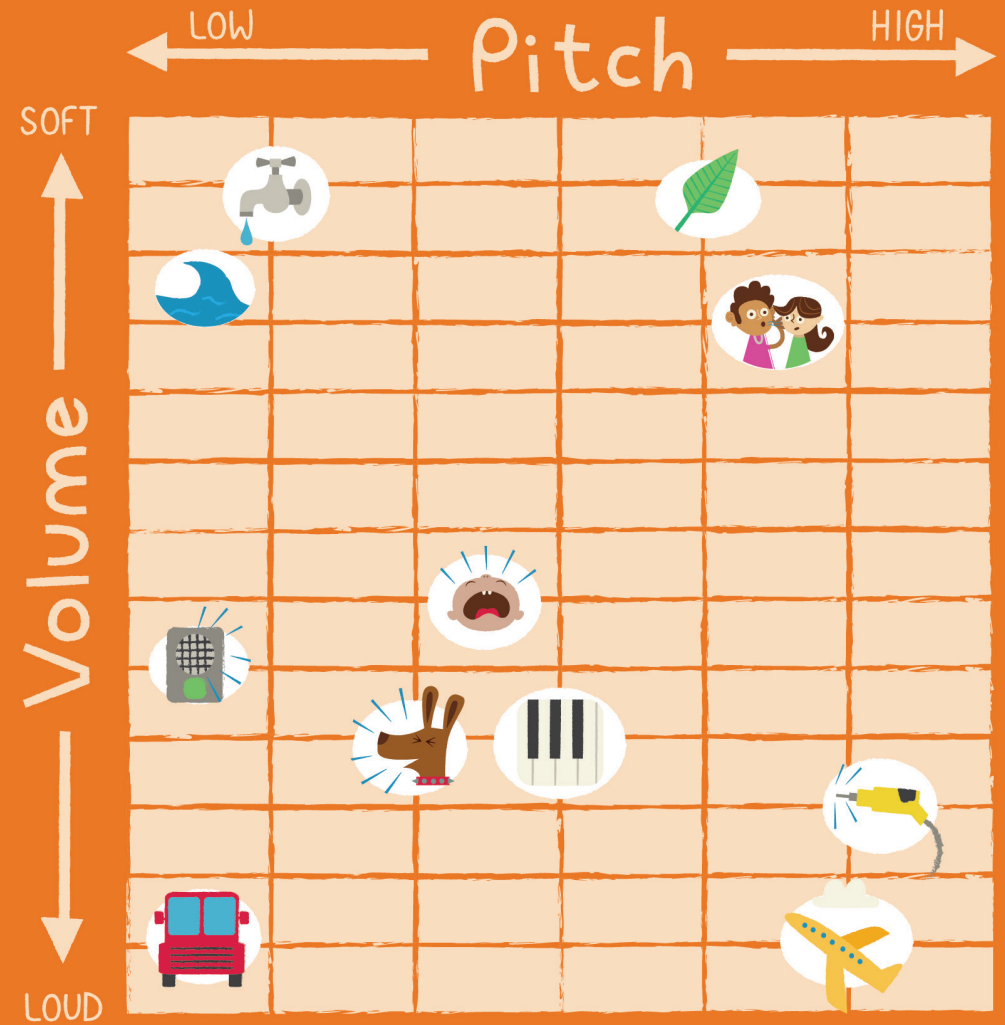
Then you'll have a hearing check...

...you go into a very quiet room and wear headphones.



You listen for beeps and tell the audiologist when you can hear them.

After these checks, the audiologist will write down the sounds you heard on a chart called an audiogram. On the audiogram below there are pictures of lots of different sounds. Can you circle the ones you can hear?





# Check out our website

[ndcs.org.uk](https://ndcs.org.uk) (for grown-ups)



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