So, what do all sounds have in common?

They are created by vibrations

Vibrations are very tiny fast movement that happen when a sounds is made. For some sounds this is easy to see, think about plucking a guitar string, snapping an elastic band or the cover of a bass speaker turned up really loud! However for others it’s harder to imagine the sound being created by vibrations. Take our voices for example, we don’t go all wobbly when we are speaking or singing but we can feel the vibrations taking place.

Want to have a go? Place your index and middle finger gently on the centre of your throat and make a long ‘Ahhhhh’ sound. You should feel your larynx (voice box) buzzing underneath your fingers.