

When you hold a seashell up to your ear, you might think you can hear the ocean! But what you're really hearing is the sound of the air around you. Here's how it works:

1. **Shape of the Shell:** Seashells are usually curved. When you put the shell to your ear, the shape helps to catch and bounce the sound waves in the air.
2. **Sound Waves:** The air has sounds all around, like people talking, wind blowing, or even the quiet sound of your own blood moving in your body.
3. **Echoes:** The shell acts like a little echo chamber. It takes those sounds and makes them echo inside the shell. This is why it can seem like you're hearing the ocean!
4. **Your Imagination:** Sometimes, when you think of the ocean, your mind adds to the sound and makes it seem even more like waves!

So, the next time you hear the 'sea' in a shell, remember it's just the air and sounds around you being played back in a fun way!