

Tone Deaf Test



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Statistics

Tests taken: 43,080

users who passed (i.e. "not tone deaf"): 41,148 (= 97.8%)

users who failed (i.e. "tone deaf"): 932 (= 2.2%)

Twitter shares: 870

Facebook Likes/Shares: 8,654 (2,222 main page, 6,432 results page)

Description

Ever worried that you might be TONE DEAF? The Tone Deaf Test will tell you for sure - in just a few minutes!

Most people who think they are "tone deaf" *do* in fact have the pitch discrimination abilities necessary to be great musicians. It is actually a lack of musical training which is to blame for their apparent difficulty judging notes.

Tone Deaf Test is designed to measure your pitch sensitivity. This tests whether you have the fundamental abilities you need, which can then be developed and improved through ear training and singing practice.

The test is divided into three stages, each of which tests a different pitch judgement skill. Your overall score is used to determine the likelihood that you are truly tone deaf. If you pass the test you can be quite confident you have the fundamental pitch abilities required to become a good musician.

Using the web test at ToneDeafTest.com and the free app for iPhone and iPad, over 40,000 people have discovered that they are *not* in fact tone deaf as they once believed! The test has been featured on sites like Geekosystem, Neatorama, Laughing Squid, The Fretboard, and Loop Insight, and here's what users have been saying:

"Despite what my school music teacher said, I'm not tone deaf!"

"Thank goodness. I was worried. I'm not tone deaf!"

"My jr hi violin teacher told me I was nearly tone deaf. Ha. 100% Not tone deaf."

"Great game! thanks guys!"

"Hurrah! I'm not tone deaf! I scored 100% on Tone Deaf Test - Alas, now I have no excuse for my terrible singing."

Many people worry that they might be tone deaf - including musicians...

Have you ever experienced:

- A teacher or friend told you music isn't for you - that you are "tone deaf"
- You sing your favourite song and somebody tells you you're "out of tune"
- You just don't seem to hear the detail in music that other people do...?

If any of these are familiar to you, you've probably wondered:

- Is there something wrong with my ears?
- Am I just not a "musical" person?

Tone Deaf Test is designed by music education company Easy Ear Training to help you find out for certain whether you are in fact tone deaf - in just a few minutes!

The iOS app includes:

- A fun and easy 3-minute interactive quiz which determines whether you are tone deaf or not
- Detailed information about what "tone deafness" truly is - and what it isn't!
- Tips, tricks and guidance for learning to sing reliably in tune.
- Easy sharing so you can tell your friends that you are not tone deaf - and you've proved it.
- Recommended next steps if you pass the test and want to explore the world of music-making

More user comments about the Tone Deaf Test:

"Great site. Glad to know I'm not tone deaf!"

"That was a blast. Good job!"

"For years I've been told by music people that I'm tone deaf, your test says I scored 94% and am not tone deaf."

"Yay! I got 100%! :D"

"Thanks for letting me find out that I'm not tone deaf! I thought I was."

"This is great. Can't wait to make my wife try it."

If you've ever felt left out the world of music... Or worried that you're "not musical"... Or felt terrible when someone tells you that you "can't sing", are "out of tune" or are simply "tone deaf" - don't wait any longer.

Because if you *aren't* tone deaf... Well then the whole world of music is waiting for you!

Try the free Tone Deaf Test on web or iOS now and find out once and for all.

Note: Although the test has been designed by experienced music educators based on scientific research into tone deafness, it is not a clinical diagnosis. If you fail the test, this is not diagnosis of a cognitive impairment and it is possible you can still develop your ears for music.

Quotes

"You better believe I've been asked this question a few times, almost always right after someone heard me singing. I knew I wasn't tone deaf because I can play piano and a few other instruments, and I did well in music theory back in school. Still, I took the Tone Deaf Test to make sure, and to see how difficult the test is. If you're not tone deaf, it's easy! Simple, for everyone, really - it only taste a couple of minutes, if even that.

So I'm not tone deaf. What I am is a really, really bad singer. If I ever run across a "can you carry a tune in a bucket" online test, I will try that one, too, in order to bring it to you. But I won't show the results."

-- Neatorama <http://www.neatorama.com/2014/04/12/Are-You-Tone-Deaf/>

"Though there are other tests for tone deafness online, they're typically far more challenging than is necessary to diagnose tone deafness. [...] The cool thing about this test is that it only tests your ability to correctly identify the differences between two musical pitches – which is actually what "tone deafness" is, not how good or bad you are at singing on-key."

-- Laughing Squid <http://laughingsquid.com/tone-deaf-test-an-easy-to-use-online-test-for-tone-deafness/>

"Tone Deaf Test is an online test for tone deafness [which] gauges pitch sensitivity using questions like whether tones are the same, whether they're going up or down, and whether one is higher or lower than another."

-- Geekosystem <http://www.geekosystem.com/tone-deaf-test/>

Discussion on cellar.org <http://cellar.org/showthread.php?t=30055>

"100% despite my musical preferences. Considering how loud my tinnitus is right now, I'm pleased."

"100%. Phew."

"I'm not tone deaf, not surprising since I play the piano, and I tune it"

Discussion on thefretboard.co.uk <http://thefretboard.co.uk/discussion/12754/are-you-tone-deaf/>

"97% only one muffed, I blame our last but one drummer and his angry cymbal crashes."

"Nicely put together. Some of the B ones go high in a slightly unpleasant way, but I suppose the easier ones do have to be strong.

For years I was told our family was tone deaf (by the family, not a clinic or something), when actually the case was no-one had much musical training - a slightly self-perpetuating myth."

"I got 100% I'm pleased to say, so my bad musicianship is entirely down to poor taste! >:D"

"100% on the test, though, which means I can no longer blame my lack of musicality on my ears. Bugger."

"I got 100% but have always considered myself tone deaf.

I really can't sing a note in tune. I sound like a distressed goose or something.

Presumably this means that while my ability to detect pitch is OK-ish, my ability to reproduce it vocally is what's really wrong."

"100%. Quite amazed. I do think I am a bit tone deaf and certainly can't sing for toffee."

"I'm 100% NOT tone deaf but I certainly felt like it during last night's practice. That was a good a test!"

"I got 100% too. I now would like a time machine so I can go back and tell the idiot music teachers at my school - who nearly put me off music for life - that. All because I can't sing in tune"

Discussion on Reddit http://www.reddit.com/r/somethingimade/comments/22limk/three_weeks_ago_i_created_an_online_tone_deafness/

"I always assumed that I was super good at telling different tunes, but I was still nervous with the test, haha. But 100%! :D"

"I think a lot of people confuse tone deaf with not being able to sing in pitch/tune, I know I used to. Cool test"

"Great site. Glad to know I'm not tone deaf!"

"That was a blast. Good job!"

"Interesting, For years I've been told by music people that I'm tone deaf, your test says I scored 94% and am not tone deaf."

"Thanks for this! I tried playing the darbuka but I was so horrid at it, I thought I must be tone deaf...turns out I'm not!"

"Yay! I got 100%! :D"

"Wow! This is great. I've always thought I was tone deaf because my singing voice is so far off (but doesn't seem that way to me)."

"This is great. Can't wait to make my wife try it."

"Thanks for letting me find out that I'm not tone deaf! I thought I was"

App Store Reviews:

"I always thought i was tone deaf because my roommate told me that my pitch was wrong often. But she was wrong! I got 100 percent correct. This app gave back my self confidence ."

"Nice test. Shows me that my elementary teachers were idiots. I been believing there assessment for the past 45 years. It is hard to find out now which I wish I knew decades earlier. Like many things much of what we were told were lies told by people who teach in our elementary schools. It is sad and stupid I listened to them"

"Really quick and easy way to re-assure yourself & your friends they are not tone deaf. Now there's no excuse for not learning to sing in tune!"

About Tone Deafness

Tone Deafness is a very misunderstood concept.

When we say somebody is "tone deaf", what we normally mean is they can't tell notes apart. They have poor pitch discrimination, so they don't know when notes are right or wrong, and will make frequent mistakes if they try to sing or play an instrument.

Often this is treated like a diagnosis of a fundamental trait which that person cannot change. However the truth is that there are only a very small number of people who suffer from true amusia: a clinical cognitive impairment which means the brain cannot process musical sounds properly to make sense of them. Researchers have found that less than 5% of people suffer from this condition.

The vast majority of people who believe they are tone deaf in fact do have the basic pitch discrimination skills necessary to tell notes apart. They can enjoy music, recognize melodies, and have just as much musical potential as anybody. They simply lack musical training.

In particular, it is often an inability to sing in tune which leads people to think they might be tone deaf. Even musicians sometimes worry about being tone deaf for this reason. Fortunately this can be easily fixed with some simple singing practice to learn to match pitch with your voice.

To summarise, we can classify people who think they are 'tone deaf' into two groups:

1. People who suffer from the brain impairment amusia: a very small number of people
2. People who have basic pitch perception skills but lack musical training, or have trouble singing in tune

By testing your basic pitch perception skills (for example using ToneDeafTest.com) you can discover which of these two groups you belong to.

If you discover it is group 2 you can then train your ears and your voice and enjoy making music just as much as anybody else!

Common Questions About Tone Deafness

Q: What does it mean to be "tone deaf"?

It means you cannot distinguish differences in pitch by ear.

Q: Is that the same as not having "relative pitch"?

Not quite. Relative pitch is also about differences in pitch but it is a more advanced skill - you are trying to measure these distances by ear (for example, to identify an interval) rather than simply being aware of them. Even if you are not tone deaf you may still need to develop your sense of relative pitch to have a good musical ear.

Q: Why do we need a new test - weren't there already online tone deafness tests?

There are several others tests available online, but we felt they were answering slightly different questions (such as measuring your fine-grained pitch discrimination) or had other drawbacks like not working on mobile devices.

Q: Why doesn't the test measure how precisely you can judge pitch distances?

That's a slightly different skill. It's important to musicians, but ToneDeafTest.com is designed simply to answer the question: are you tone deaf?

There is a test here which will measure your pitch discrimination skill in detail: <http://musicianbrain.com/pitchtest/>

Q: How do you decide whether someone passes or fails?

It's based on your score and the probability of you achieving that score by guessing. If you "pass" the test you can be 95% confident that you are not tone deaf.

Q: If I fail the test, what can I do?

Failing the test doesn't mean you are necessarily tone deaf, though it's a strong indicator you struggle with pitch discrimination. We recommend seeing an audiologist for a more thorough assessment.

Q: If I'm not tone deaf, why can't I sing?

There are many factors to being able to sing well, but if you feel (or have been told) you "can't sing", it's probably about being in tune. This skill of singing in tune is separate from being tone deaf. You cannot sing in tune if you are tone deaf, but if you are not tone deaf you may still need practice to learn to sing in tune.

Q: I'm not tone deaf! What now?

1. Learn to sing in tune. Get some tips on learning to sing in tune and sign up for our next project which teaches you to sing in tune:

<http://www.easyeartraining.com/learn/how-to-teach-someone-to-sing-in-tune/>

<http://singtrue.co>

2. Start exploring the world of music. We recommend taking a beginners ear training course to learn how you can develop your musical ear:

<http://www.easyeartraining.com/courses/ear-training-crash-course/>

More information about tone deafness and the Tone Deaf Test app is available here:

<http://www.easyeartraining.com/learn/tag/tone-deafness>