

Tin Can Telephones

Believe it or not, but these actually work. Next time you're eating beans, spaghetti, or anything in a can, keep the can to use. Get yourself two old tin cans (preferably of the same size). Remove the lids and labels and wash thoroughly. Next, you need to pierce a small hole into the bottom of each can. Adults may have to help to do this as it can get dangerous. Once both your cans have a single hole nicely centred in their bases, grab a long piece of string (five metres is a good starting point, but experiment with longer lengths if you wish). Thread the string through each hole and knot firmly inside the can. That's all there is to it—go and test it out. To operate: ensure that the string is stretched out fully and taut. One person needs to speak directly into the can, while the other holds it up to their ear. The sound waves travel down the string and reverberate inside each can. Magic!

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