
Subject: Re: If a tree falls in the forest...

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 05 Oct 2007 03:16:07 GMT

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BlueThen wrote on Thu, 04 October 2007 23:09cheesesoda wrote on Thu, 04 October 2007 22:05Renerage wrote on Thu, 04 October 2007 23:01cheesesoda wrote on Thu, 04 October 2007 22:56BlueThen wrote on Thu, 04 October 2007 22:39You'd be listening to a duplicate of the sound, but not the sound itself.

If it's a duplication, isn't that proof that an original exists?

If I make a copy of an image, the duplication is proof that an original existed. You can't duplicate something if it never existed.

If you create a new MP3, it's not a duplication. It's the original MP3 that you created. If someone else has a COPY (or 'duplication') of your MP3, then it proves there was an original, else it wouldn't exist.

The question isn't whether someone HEARS the sound that it makes, but DOES it make a sound? If we have a duplication, then deductive reasoning proves that it does, indeed, make a sound.

Not by bluethen's logic.

How about this one smarty pants-

If you have a DEAF guy in the room, and you scream in his face.

Do you still make a sound?

Pfft, even by his logic I win.

The "organs of hearing" can be what receives the soundwaves on the recorder.

As for your question... yes, it makes a sound. Just because the brain doesn't receive any signals from the ears doesn't mean that the ears aren't receiving the sound.

But you are not listening to the tree itself. You are listening to the recorder.

An addition to that, you just messed up the whole question, the question was:
If a tree falls in a forest, and no one hears it, does it make a sound?

You basically ignored the part of "no one hears it" by saying that you record it and hear it later. I'm sorry, but it's stupid to think that sound is defined correctly as that first definition you gave. Sound is energy, whether or not it's received by hearing organs.

As the MythBusters proved, sound CAN break glass. Glass does not have any organs, especially organs for hearing. Yet, if everybody left the building, the glass would still be broken because of the energy given off by the speakers. That energy is sound.
