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DOES A FALLING TREE MAKE A SOUND WHEN NO ONE IS NEAR TO HEAR IT? THE ANSWER DEPENDS ON WHICH EXPERT YOU ASK.

PHYSICIST EDWARD E. DAVID, JR. OF BELL TELEPHONE LABORATORIES, ANSWERS "YES" TO THIS QUESTION, EXPLAINING THAT SOUND IS ANY AIRBORNE VIBRATION. A PSYCHOLOGIST MIGHT SAY "NO," REASONING THAT AIR VIBRATIONS CANNOT BE DESCRIBED AS SOUND UNTIL THEY ARE PERCEIVED BY THE EAR. -SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, AUGUST 1961-.

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