

Awe and Wonder

Plastic Cup Telephones

You will need:



Plastic cups



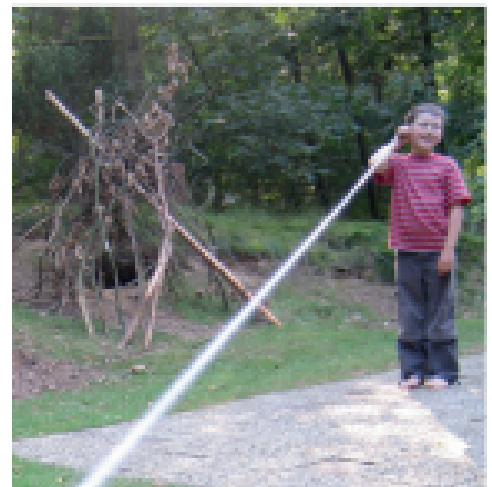
Cotton string



Sewing pin

Method:

1. Choose 2 cups each.
2. Make a small hole using the end of the pin in the middle of the bottom of the cup.
3. Cut a good 2 metres of string.
4. Thread the string through the hole in each of the cups so the short end is inside the cup.
5. Tie the string into a secure knot inside both cups.
6. Pull the string tight holding the cup to your ear, give the other cup to your friend and ask them to talk into it keeping the string tight.
7. You will be able to hear your friend!



The Science Bit

You can hear your friend because sound travels in waves, moving along the string. The cups act like speakers making the sound louder - amplifying it.

