

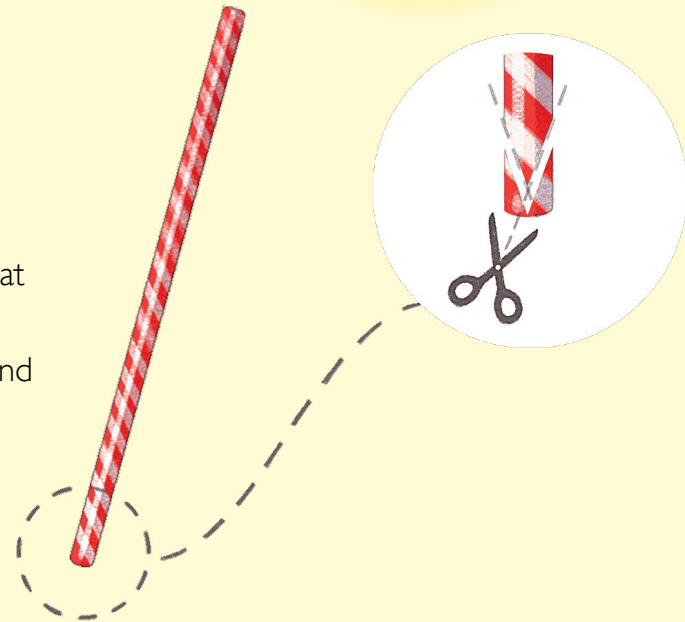
When you yell, air passes over your vocal cords, which vibrate to make sound. Try this experiment to see how this works.

## WHAT YOU NEED:

- Plastic drinking straw
- Scissors

## WHAT YOU DO:

1. Flatten one end of the straw with your teeth so that both sides of plastic are pressed together.
2. On the flattened end, use the scissors to cut the end of the straw in a point, as shown at right.
3. Put the point of the straw between your lips and press them down and blow.
4. You may have to experiment with how hard you press and blow. It helps to wet your lips.
5. How can you make the sound different? What if the straw is shorter or longer?



# MAKE A STRAW WHISTLE

The two flaps of plastic on the straw vibrate when you blow air. The sound waves travel out the end of the straw. That's similar to how your vocal cords work in your voice box.