

Spring Cup

Materials

- Slinky spring
- Paper, plastic or Styrofoam cup

Instructions

- 1. Hold one end of the spring up high and let the other end hang freely. Wobble the spring and listen to the sound it makes.
- 2. Hold the high end of the spring against the base of the cup and wobble the spring again. Does it make a louder sound?



What happens?

Wobbling the spring causes it to vibrate to make a sound, but the sound is very quiet. Holding the spring against the base of the cup causes the cup and the air inside the cup to vibrate. This makes the sound a lot louder and it can sound like a laser sound effect from a movie!