



SUGGESTED FREE RESOURCES

SOUND EFFECTS SITES

Site	Licensing	Attribution required?*	Attribution statement*	Search	Filter	Other notes
Free SFX	Free licence	Yes	'Sound effects by Free SFX ' or ' Free SFX '	By keyword	By categories	Ignore menu-looking items on each side, these are advertising
Videvo Sound Effects	Variety of licences (including Royalty-free, CC BY 3.0, Videvo Attribution, etc.)	Check each sound clip's licence link for requirements	Best practices for CC attribution Others: 'Sound effects provided by [Creator], downloaded from www.videvo.net '	Within tags	By genre	Link provided here is filtered to 'Free' content
Pixabay Sound Effects	Free Pixabay licence	No, but appreciated	'Sound effects via Pixabay' [link text to media]	By keyword	By category after searching	MP3 files, bit-rate varies
Mixkit Sound Effects	Free licence or Free Restricted licence	No, but appreciated	'Sound effects via Mixkit' [link to media]	By keyword	By category	Mix of WAV and MP3 files
Zapsplat	Standard licence	Yes	'Sound effects from zapsplat.com '	By keyword	By tag	'Free' limited to MP3
Freesound Sound Effects	Various CC licences [each file is labelled]	Yes, plus licence info as required by CC [unless CC0]	Depends on licensing involved. Best practices for attribution	By keyword	Filter tag needed is 'sound effects'	Mix of WAV and MP3 files
YouTube Audio Library [Sound Effects tab]	Licensed for use on YouTube – not clear if can be used elsewhere	YouTube will generate the attribution	Attribution will display within descriptive notes on video	Within title	By category	Need to have a YouTube account to access this content

* At time of writing

Considerations

- Sound effects are often quite short and may need looping.
- Where you edit or make changes to a CC-licensed sound effect, you will need to [note any changes made in your attribution statement](#).
- Where possible, try to access sound effects for each project from the same site to make attribution easier.

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