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au·di·ble  (ô də-bəl)

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adj.
That is heard or that can be heard.

n.
Football An offensive play or defensive formation called at the line of scrimmage just before the snap, usually as an adjustment to the opposing team's formation. Also called *automatic*.

v. aud·i·bled, aud·i·bling, aud·i·bles
Football
v.tr.
To call (an audible) at the line of scrimmage.
v.intr.
To call an audible.

[Late Latin *audibilis*, from Latin *audīre*, to hear; see **au-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

au'di·bil i·ty, au di·ble·ness *n.*
au di·bly *adv.*

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