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a·cous·tic  (ə-k stĭk)

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adj. also **a·cous·ti·cal** (-stĭ-kəl)

1. Of or relating to sound, the sense of hearing, or the science of sound.

2.

a. Designed to carry sound or to aid in hearing.

b. Designed to absorb or control sound: *acoustic tile*.

3. *Music*

a. Of or being an instrument that does not produce or enhance sound electronically: *an acoustic guitar; an acoustic bass*.

b. Being a performance that features such instruments: *opened the show with an acoustic set*.

n.

Music

An acoustic instrument.

[Greek *akoustikos*, pertaining to hearing, from *akouein*, to hear; see **kous-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

a·cous ti·cal·ly *adv.*

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