### The Parts of the Ear

#### Parts of the Outer Ear
- **Pinna**: The outside part of the ear on the side of your head. It acts as a funnel to catch sound waves and pass them down the ear canal.

#### Parts of the Middle Ear
- **Eardrum**: A membrane, right at the beginning of the middle ear, that is stretched across the ear canal and vibrates when sound hits it.
- **Hammer**: The first of a set of three tiny bones that move when the eardrum vibrates.
- **Anvil**: A tiny bone, which—when touched by the hammer—bumps into the last tiny bone (the stirrup).
- **Stirrup**: When this third tiny bone moves, it presses against the cochlea of the inner ear.

#### Parts of the Inner Ear
- **Cochlea**: A bony, fluid-filled spiral that receives sound waves when the stirrup presses against it. It translates the waves into something the brain can understand.
- **Auditory Nerve**: This nerve carries the signals of sound waves from the cochlea to the brain.
- **Semicircular Canals**: Three ducts in the inner ear that control our ears' balance of sound.

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### Directions
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