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Smurfing on Venus

HUMANS on the planet Venus would sound like Smurfs with deep voices, scientists said yesterday.

The dense atmosphere would slow vocal cords, lowering the pitch, said researchers who made a computer model of extra-terrestrial atmospheres.

And quicker sound waves would trick listeners into thinking people were tiny. Prof Timothy Leighton of the University of Southampton said:

"On Venus, humans sound like bass Smurfs."