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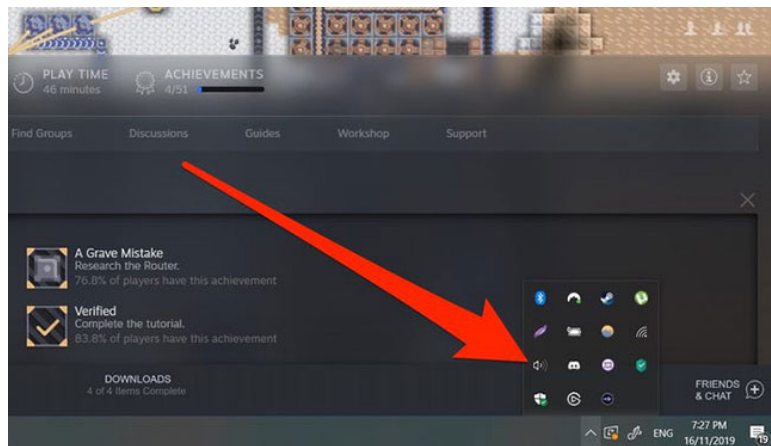
You are in a Skype call and are told that the other person cannot hear your voice, or if there is a signal, the sound of the buzzing is very difficult to hear. That's what happens to even professional streamers.

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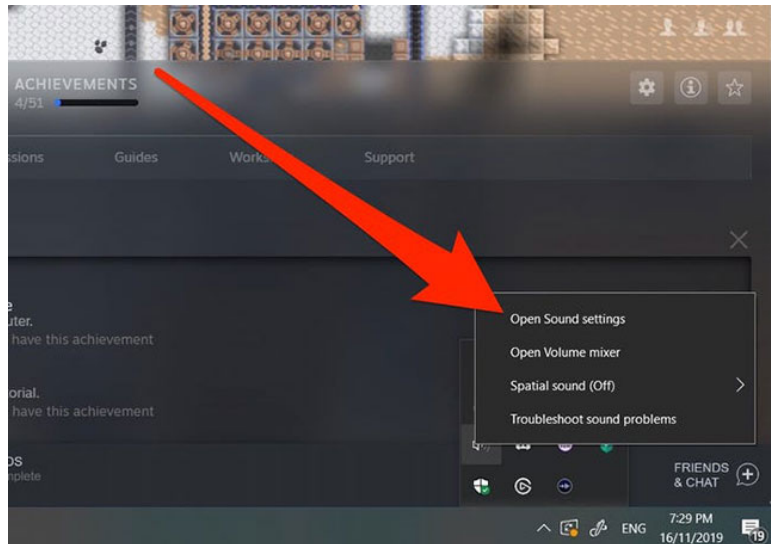
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1. At the bottom right of the screen, on the taskbar, find the small icon that looks like a speaker. You may need to click the up arrow icon to display the icons that have been hidden from the taskbar.



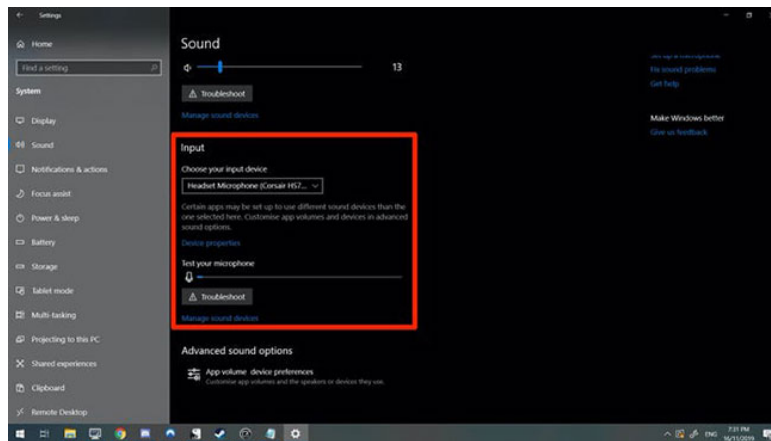
Click the speaker icon

2. Right-click the speaker icon and select **Open Sound Settings** .



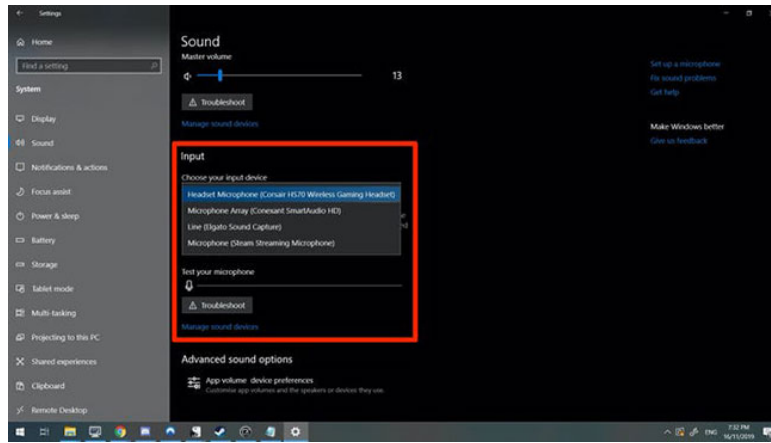
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3. Scroll down to the **Input** section. Windows will tell you which microphone is currently the default - in other words, which microphone is being used at the moment - and a green bar shows the volume level. Try talking into the microphone. If the blue bar changes as you increase and decrease the voice volume, that means it is working correctly.



Scroll down to the Input section

4. If your computer uses the microphone incorrectly, you can change it by clicking on the drop-down menu and replacing it with a new option. Make sure the microphone you want to use is plugged in correctly, or it won't appear on the menu.



Select the microphone from the list

How to know what the sound really looks like?

This method will tell if Windows detects your microphone, but doesn't tell you what the sound really looks like.

If you want to know exactly how your microphone sounds, Audacity is a free audio recording program that lets you listen to your own voice. All you need to do is download, select the microphone in the menu at the top of the program and press **Record**. Refer to the article: [How to record using Audacity on a computer](#) for more details.

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