

KS1 English Quiz - Alliteration (Questions)

This quiz helps children identify a key feature in poems. The National Curriculum requires KS1 children to learn poems and by Year 2 they should be able to recognise recurring literary language. Identifying the pattern in alliteration will aid their analysis skills and improve their all-round knowledge of literacy and the English language.

In poetry and some stories, patterns are created. Some writers like to use a technique called alliteration. Alliteration is when the first letter of two or more words start with the same sound. An example would be, 'silly snake'. Both words begin with an 's'. Now test your knowledge on alliteration.

1. Finish this sentence to make it include alliteration:
Peter Piper picked



- apples
- tomatoes
- his nose!
- peppers

2. Which of these answers shows alliteration?



- The crocodile was in the water.
- The horrible, hungry crocodile caught some catfish.
- The horrible crocodile had his lunch.
- The crocodile was hungry.

3. Finish this sentence to make it include alliteration: I saw Suzie...



- sitting in a shoe shop.
- buying trainers.
- looking around.
- in a pink dress.

4. Which of these answers shows alliteration?



- The busy monkey started work.
- The busy, funny monkey enjoyed work.
- The busy, brainy monkey went to work.
- The happy, brainy monkey loved to work.

5. Finish this sentence to make it include alliteration:
Ten tall tents...



- cost a fortune.
- look great together.
- made one small tent.
- turned together in the wind.

6. What is alliteration?



- When one word begins with a letter.
- When more than one word begins with the same letter.
- A way to describe a sound.
- A word that begins with 's'.

7. Which of these answers shows alliteration?



- Great giant giraffes.
- Amazing lovely giraffes.
- Big friendly giraffes.
- Adorable tall giraffes.

8. Which of these answers shows alliteration?



- The elephant drank from the river.
- The large elephant drank from the river.
- The large, thirsty elephant drank from the river.
- The enormous elephant drank from the river.

9. Which of these answers shows alliteration?



- The twisting tornado turned towards the town.
- The tornado moved closer to the shops.
- The tornado was very big and scary.
- The tornado blew the house down.

10. Finish this sentence to make it include alliteration:
The baby girl...



- laughed
- giggled
- cried
- hiccuped

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This is a very famous tongue twister. Tongue twisters are full of alliteration and are quite hard to say.

3. Finish this sentence to make it include alliteration: I saw Suzie...



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This is also a tongue twister. Try and say that sentence really fast five times and you'll see why we call it a tongue twister!

2. Which of these answers shows alliteration?



- The crocodile was in the water.
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Here we have alliteration used twice: there are two words beginning with 'h' and three beginning with 'c'.

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- The busy monkey started work.
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Alliteration can be seen in the word 'busy' and 'brainy'. Alliteration is used in poems and can be used in stories and other types of writing.

5. Finish this sentence to make it include alliteration:
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The letter 't' was being used lots there. Alliteration mainly uses consonants, so try not to use alliteration with the letters a, e, i, o and u.

6. What is alliteration?



- When one word begins with a letter.
- When more than one word begins with the same letter.
- A way to describe a sound.
- A word that begins with 's'.

Alliteration only happens when there are two or more words that begin with the same letter.

7. Which of these answers shows alliteration?



- Great giant giraffes.
- Amazing lovely giraffes.
- Big friendly giraffes.
- Adorable tall giraffes.

The first answer shows three words beginning with 'g'. The three words don't always have to be next to each other but they should be within the same sentence.

8. Which of these answers shows alliteration?



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Elephants are the biggest land mammals.

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- The twisting tornado turned towards the town.
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Tornados are often called twisters and that first sentence happened to be what we call a tongue twister!

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If the word 'bounced' was there, then that could have been an option too. If, within one sentence, there are two words that begin with the same sound - it's alliteration.