

KS2 English Quiz - Alliteration (Questions)

This KS2 English quiz takes a look at alliteration. Most tongue twisters depend on alliteration, which is the repetition of the same sound in words. 'Betty Botter had some butter. "But," she said, "the butter's bitter...."' What makes tongue twisters such as this one so tricky to say? In 'Betty Botter', the repeated sound heard at the beginnings of words is a 'b'. Alliteration is often used in poetry and when writers want to be playful with words.

It's also often used when children are first learning about the English language as it helps them to remember words. If you compare 'Edward the tortoise' with 'Tommy the tortoise' you will see that Tommy flows better because the first two letters of Tommy and tortoise are (and sound) the same.

See if you can spot the alliteration in this English quiz.

1. Choose the words which are examples of alliteration.
The ___ last night was ___ and ___.



- weather, cold, dry
- weather, wet, windy
- moon, full, bright
- television, loud, blaring

2. Choose the words which are examples of alliteration.
She carefully ironed the ___ ___ of her ___ skirt.



- perfect, pleats, purple
- crumpled, pleats, favourite
- crumpled, fabric, old
- wrinkly, fabric, woollen

3. Choose the words which are examples of alliteration.
___ City ___ to ___ victory.



- Norwich, stalked, total
- Stoke, crept, surprising
- Manchester, swept, astonishing
- Swansea, swept, sweet

4. Choose the words which are examples of alliteration.
The guinea pigs' names were ___, ___ and ___.



- Giggles, Happy, Furry
- Furry, Fluffy, Floppy
- Squiggles, Shorty, Fluffy
- Buttons, Mopsy, Toffee

5. Choose the words which are examples of alliteration. The old key was _____ with _____ after many years of neglect.



- smooth, wear
- bright, polish
- red, rust
- rusty, age

6. Choose the words which are examples of alliteration. The dusty old floorboards _____ and _____ as they _____ across the room.



- creaked, complained, crept
- cracked, popped, ran
- creaked, moaned, tiptoed
- splintered, broke, dashed

7. Choose the words which are examples of alliteration. The traffic moved slowly, the _____ and _____ over the narrow bridge.



- motorbikes, whizzing, shooting
- cars, trundling, driving
- lorries, labouring, lumbering
- lorries, moving, driving

8. Choose the words which are examples of alliteration. _____, the _____ dog was left _____ out in the rain.



- Unbelievably, loyal, shut
- Horrifyingly, freezing, shut
- Surprisingly, shivering, locked
- Shockingly, shivering, shut

9. Choose the words which are examples of alliteration. They had a wonderful time _____ on the _____.



- riding, bikes, promenade
- blowing, bubbles, breeze
- eating, ice-cream, pier
- finding, seashells, shore

10. Choose the words which are examples of alliteration. The _____ is _____ and tall in my _____.



- flower, standing, proud, vase
- tree, growing, strong, garden
- grass, growing, green, garden
- rosebush, becoming, gangly, flowerbed

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Weather, wet and windy - each repeats the 'w' sound.

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Perfect, pleats and purple - each repeats the 'p' sound.

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Swansea, swept and sweet - each repeats the two sounds found in 'sw'. Sports headlines are often full of alliteration.

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- Giggles, Happy, Furry
- Furry, Fluffy, Floppy
- Squiggles, Shorty, Fluffy
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Furry, Fluffy and Floppy - each repeats the 'f' sound.

5. Choose the words which are examples of alliteration.
The old key was ___ with ___ after many years of neglect.



- smooth, wear
- bright, polish
- red, rust
- rusty, age

Red and rust - each has an 'r' sound.

6. Choose the words which are examples of alliteration.
The dusty old floorboards ___ and ___ as they ___ across the room.



- creaked, complained, crept
- cracked, popped, ran
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Creaked, complained and crept - each repeats the 'c' sound.

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- motorbikes, whizzing, shooting
- cars, trundling, driving
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Lorries, labouring and lumbering - each contains an 'l' sound.

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Blowing, bubbles and breeze - these words share the 'b' sound.

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Shockingly, shivering and shut - these three words share the 'sh' sound.

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The _____ is _____ and tall in my _____.



- flower, standing, proud, vase
- tree, growing, strong, garden
- grass, growing, green, garden
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Grass, growing, green and garden - these words share two sounds: 'g' and 'r'.