

KS2 English Quiz - Onomatopoeia (Questions)

This KS2 English picture quiz will test you on onomatopoeia. Onomatopoeia is words that sound like the objects they name. Clatter, clash, rattle, bang! The English language is full of wonderful words which can be used for different sounds. When you read the word 'buzz', you can hear the sound of the bee. 'Onomatopoeia' is the name for words which create these sound effects.

Adding onomatopoeic words to your writing helps with visualising a scene for the reader, as well as making the story more enjoyable and interesting.

See if you can recognise the use of onomatopoeia in this English quiz.

1. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

She dropped the shoe to the floor with a satisfying thud.



- dropped
- floor
- satisfying
- thud

2. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

Hearing the unexpected tinkle of ice in a glass made him suddenly realise he was thirsty.



- tinkle
- ice
- glass
- thirsty

3. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

The crisp leaves crunched underfoot as we ran through the park.



- leaves
- crunched
- underfoot
- park

4. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

The balloon burst with a loud pop.



- balloon
- with
- loud
- pop

5. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

Slam! All of a sudden, the wind whooshed through the house.



- Slam, sudden
- Slam, whooshed
- sudden, whooshed
- whooshed, house

6. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

Overnight, the tiny trickle from the leaking pipe had become a gushing waterfall.



- Overnight, leaking
- trickle, leaking
- trickle, gushing
- gushing, waterfall

7. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

When she was ill, she thought she could hear murmuring and whispering coming from the room next door.



- ill, thought
- she, whispering
- thought, murmuring
- murmuring, whispering

8. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

She heard the snip of the scissors and then her long-treasured hair slithered to the floor.



- snip, long-treasured
- scissors, hair
- snip, slithered
- scissors, floor

9. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

The lorries continued down the road with a rumble and a roar.



- lorries, continued
- down, road
- road, roar
- rumble, roar

10. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

The mud squelched as it squished between my toes.



- mud, squished
- squelched, squished
- squished, between
- squelched, toes

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1. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

She dropped the shoe to the floor with a satisfying thud.



- dropped
- floor
- satisfying
- thud

'Thud' is the sound the shoe makes when it hits the floor.

2. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

Hearing the unexpected tinkle of ice in a glass made him suddenly realise he was thirsty.



- tinkle
- ice
- glass
- thirsty

We can almost hear the 'tinkle of ice'. Would the phrase 'clink of ice' sound the same?

3. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

The crisp leaves crunched underfoot as we ran through the park.



- leaves
- crunched
- underfoot
- park

Using the word 'crunched' helps us to imagine the sound of the leaves.

4. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

The balloon burst with a loud pop.



- balloon
- with
- loud
- pop

That's the sound the balloon makes when it bursts.

5. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

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- Slam, sudden
- Slam, whooshed
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Here are two examples of onomatopoeia!

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- ill, thought
- she, whispering
- thought, murmuring
- murmuring, whispering

Many people hear strange sounds when they have a fever.

6. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

Overnight, the tiny trickle from the leaking pipe had become a gushing waterfall.



- Overnight, leaking
- trickle, leaking
- trickle, gushing
- gushing, waterfall

'Trickle' and 'gushing' give you two contrasting impressions of the sound of the water leaking from the pipe.

8. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

She heard the snip of the scissors and then her long-treasured hair slithered to the floor.



- snip, long-treasured
- scissors, hair
- snip, slithered
- scissors, floor

'Slithered' sounds so much better than 'dropped' or 'fell'.

9. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

The lorries continued down the road with a rumble and a roar.



- lorries, continued
- down, road
- road, roar
- rumble, roar

The words 'rumble' and 'roar' give a good impression of the sounds lorries make. Compare this to motorbikes 'zooming'. When using onomatopoeia, choose your words carefully to create the effect you want.

10. Find the examples of onomatopoeia in the following sentence.

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- squished, between
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You can almost hear it as you read this sentence.