

KS3 English Quiz - Alliteration 01 (Questions)

This KS3 English quiz asks questions about alliteration. Alliteration is when two or more words start with the same letter or sound. An example would be "crawling caterpillars". Tongue twisters are often good examples of this way of writing - try saying "Fred's friends fried Fritos for Friday's food"! The technique can be used in writing and speech to interest your audience, or to bring some humour to your sentences.

Alliteration can also be used to create certain effects: sounds such as "c/k", "d" or "g" produce harsh effects, while everyone knows that sibilance, caused by repeated "s" or "z" sounds, creates a rather different, somewhat sinister, effect. You should be aware that alliteration can also occur at the beginnings of stressed syllables, too. So a phrase such as "nobody nodded unknowingly" alliterates on the "n" sound, including the -kn- of "unknowingly".

<p>1. The are in the middle aisle next to the vegetables.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> boxed fish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> frozen fish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> large fish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> pre-cooked fish</p>	<p>2. Are you hungry? Let's find a café for and</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> cakes, coffee, cola</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> cakes, coffee, tea</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> egg, chips, cola</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> fish, chips, coffee</p>
<p>3. The art gallery displayed hundreds of and</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> books pots pans</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> pots pans cups</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> precious pictures paintings</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> prints cups pans</p>	<p>4. The sound of created a quiet, calm atmosphere.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> intermittent shrieks</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> loud shouts</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> murmuring music</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> frenzied chattering</p>
<p>5. Many and on the river.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> boats, barges, bobbed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> boats, barges, sailed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> boats, ducks, floated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ducks, barges, floated</p>	<p>6. A took the friends to the party.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> broken, down, lorry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> lovely, long, limousine</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> rusty, old, car</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> red, old, car</p>
<p>7. Mrs. Purple drove a</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> red, Mercedes, quickly</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> violet, van, violently</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> white, bus, slowly</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> gruesome, dented, van</p>	<p>8. Peter piper picked a peck of</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> new, potatoes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> pickled, herring</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> pickled, pepper</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> rosy, apples</p>
<p>9. "What a " is a famous song.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wonderful Day</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wonderful Thing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wonderful Time</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wonderful World</p>	<p>10. He folded the invitations and put each one in an</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> brown, envelope</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> empty, envelope</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> long, envelope</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> white, envelope</p>

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1. The are in the middle aisle next to the vegetables.

- boxed fish
- frozen fish
- large fish
- pre-cooked fish

Two "f" sounds form the alliteration here: "frozen fish"

2. Are you hungry? Let's find a café for and

- cakes, coffee, cola
- cakes, coffee, tea
- egg, chips, cola
- fish, chips, coffee

The three "c" sounds of "cakes/coffee/cola" = alliteration

3. The art gallery displayed hundreds of and

- books pots pans
- pots pans cups
- precious pictures paintings
- prints cups pans

Three "p" sounds form the alliteration here

4. The sound of created a quiet, calm atmosphere.

- intermittent shrieks
- loud shouts
- murmuring music
- frenzied chattering

"Murmuring music" also alliterates on the internal m of "murmur"

5. Many and on the river.

- boats, barges, bobbed
- boats, barges, sailed
- boats, ducks, floated
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Use alliteration in writing to make phrases memorable

6. A took the friends to the party.

- broken, down, lorry
- lovely, long, limousine
- rusty, old, car
- red, old, car

The repeated "l" sound elongates the phrase to some extent, creating a lingering impression

7. Mrs. Purple drove a

- red, Mercedes, quickly
- violet, van, violently
- white, bus, slowly
- gruesome, dented, van

The overuse of alliteration can be jarring. Use the technique selectively

8. Peter piper picked a peck of

- new, potatoes
- pickled, herring
- pickled, pepper
- rosy, apples

Alliteration makes words easy to remember!

9. "What a " is a famous song.

- Wonderful Day
- Wonderful Thing
- Wonderful Time
- Wonderful World

"Wonderful" and "world" both begin with "w", creating alliteration

10. He folded the invitations and put each one in an

- brown, envelope
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- long, envelope
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"E" sounds begin words and make the alliteration here. The alliteration of vowel sounds is also known as "assonance"