KS3 English Quiz - Onomatopoeia 02 (Questions)

Onomatopoeic words sound like their meanings. An example is the whooshing wind because the wind sometimes makes a sound like "whooooosh"!

Do you want to make your writing really atmospheric? Some well-chosen onomatopoeia might be just what your writing needs. Perhaps for suspense you need a little "crackle", or maybe for a bit of a shock, you might need a "shriek"! A "splat" is always good for comedy, a "dribble" for pathos or disgust, and an "ooze" can be downright horrifying.

Try not to always choose the well-worn words like "crash", "smash", "whistling" and "babbling". See if you can collect interesting examples of onomatopoeia to use in your writing and try to be aware of the different qualities each of these words has so that you can express exactly the sound you want in order to achieve the effect you're aiming for.

See if you can whoosh through this quiz all about onomatopoeia!

1. **Find the onomatopoeic word(s) in the following sentence.**
    The tennis ball .... over the net.
    [ ]   hit
    [ ]   was
    [ ]   went
    [ ]   zoomed

2. **Find the onomatopoeic word(s) in the following sentence.**
    The player .... the ball across the tennis court.
    [ ]   hit
    [ ]   pushed
    [ ]   put
    [ ]   whacked

3. **Find the onomatopoeic word(s) in the following sentence.**
    The tennis ball .... past the spectators' heads.
    [ ]   journeyed
    [ ]   travelled
    [ ]   went
    [ ]   whizzed

4. **Find the onomatopoeic word(s) in the following sentence.**
    The fireworks .... and .... high up in the sky.
    [ ]   lit up, died
    [ ]   screeched, crackled
    [ ]   travelled, disappeared
    [ ]   went up, stopped

5. **Find the onomatopoeic word(s) in the following sentence.**
    The people watching the display .... and.....
    [ ]   arrived, left
    [ ]   came, went
    [ ]   come, go
    [ ]   roared, cheered

6. **Find the onomatopoeic word(s) in the following sentence.**
    The children sang "....... .... black sheep".
    [ ]   baa baa
    [ ]   moo moo
    [ ]   quack quack
    [ ]   woof woof

7. **Find the onomatopoeic word(s) in the following sentence.**
    Voice 1: "....... ...." Voice 2: "Who's there?"
    [ ]   hello hello
    [ ]   knock knock
    [ ]   rap rap
    [ ]   tap tap

8. **Find the onomatopoeic word(s) in the following sentence.**
    The leaky tap .... all night.
    [ ]   dripped
    [ ]   started
    [ ]   stopped
    [ ]   was on

9. **Find the onomatopoeic word(s) in the following sentence.**
    The sausages .... in the frying pan.
    [ ]   are
    [ ]   cooked
    [ ]   sizzled
    [ ]   were

10. **Find the onomatopoeic word(s) in the following sentence.**
    The car horns .... in the traffic jam.
    [ ]   are
    [ ]   beeped
    [ ]   played
    [ ]   were

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1. Find the onomatopoeic word(s) in the following sentence.
   The tennis ball .... over the net.
   [   ]   hit
   [   ]   was
   [   ]   went
   [x]   zoomed
"Zoomed" sounds like the very fast action of the ball

2. Find the onomatopoeic word(s) in the following sentence.
   The player .... the ball across the tennis court.
   [   ]   hit
   [   ]   pushed
   [   ]   put
   [x]   whacked
"Whacked" tells us that the player hit the ball hard

3. Find the onomatopoeic word(s) in the following sentence.
   The tennis ball .... past the spectators' heads.
   [   ]   journeyed
   [   ]   travelled
   [   ]   went
   [x]   whizzed
"Whizzed" is the sound the ball makes as it travels through the air

4. Find the onomatopoeic word(s) in the following sentence.
   The fireworks .... and .... high up in the sky.
   [   ]   lit up, died
   [x]   screeched, crackled
   [   ]   travelled, disappeared
   [   ]   went up, stopped
"Screech" and "crackle" express two very different sounds fireworks make

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   The people watching the display .... and.....
   [   ]   arrived, left
   [   ]   came, went
   [   ]   come, go
   [x]   roared, cheered
The "roars" and "cheers" are the sounds of the crowd

6. Find the onomatopoeic word(s) in the following sentence.
   The children sang "....... .... black sheep".
   [x]   baa baa
   [   ]   moo moo
   [   ]   quack quack
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Nursery rhymes often use onomatopoeia, as in "ding dong bell"

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   Voice 1: "....... ...." Voice 2: "Who's there?"
   [   ]   hello hello
   [x]   knock knock
   [   ]   rap rap
   [   ]   tap tap
Voice 1: "Dr!" Voice 2: "Dr Who?" Jokes use onomatopoeia too!

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   The leaky tap .... all night.
   [x]   dripped
   [   ]   started
   [   ]   stopped
   [   ]   was on
Watery onomatopoeic words include "drip", "glug" and "splash"

9. Find the onomatopoeic word(s) in the following sentence.
   The sausages .... in the frying pan.
   [   ]   are
   [   ]   cooked
   [x]   sizzled
   [   ]   were
Onomatopoeia for cooking includes "burst", "crackled" and "spit"

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"Blared" and "blazed" are other possibilities here