

# Onomatopoeia: Sound Words

Onomatopoeia is the use of a word or phrase that imitates the sound of something.

**Example: sizzle.** I heard the bacon **sizzle** in the pan.  
Sizzle is a word that sounds like the bacon frying in the pan.

Each of the words in the word bank is an onomatopoeia. Complete each sentence by writing a word from the word bank in the blank. Use each word only once.

## Word Bank

**boom**   **yowl**   **hiss**   **purr**   **splash**  
**hoot**   **quack**   **splat**

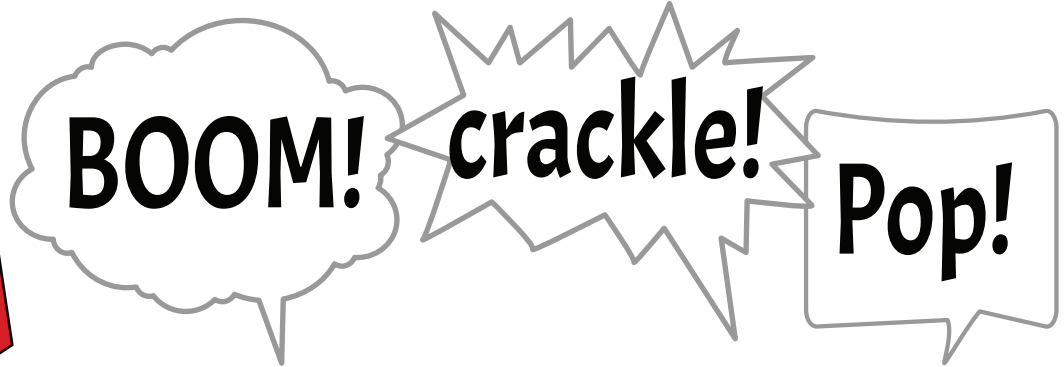
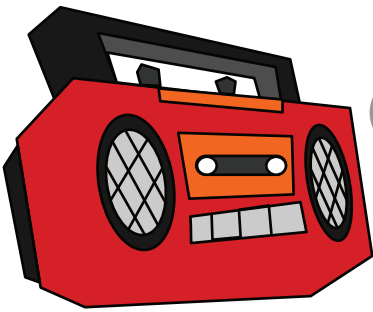
1. The cat's \_\_\_\_\_ told me it was happy.
2. Jake made a big \_\_\_\_\_ when he jumped into the swimming pool.
3. The duck will \_\_\_\_\_ if it is hungry.
4. I laid in bed and listened to the thunder \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Suddenly she heard the \_\_\_\_\_ of a snake.
6. The lonesome \_\_\_\_\_ of the coyotes echoed through the hills.
7. My ice cream cone went \_\_\_\_\_ onto the sidewalk.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the owl told him someone was coming.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Look for the Sounds

Underline each word that is an example of onomatopoeia. Using the context, explain how this word enhances the meaning of the text.



1. I decided to get a bowl of cereal for breakfast. Crunch! Crunch! Crunch!

Explain how this word enhances the meaning of the text.

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2. Gargle! Jennifer put her toothbrush away and turned off the water. She was ready to go to the dentist now.

Explain how this word enhances the meaning of the text.

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3. My little brother was skating and suddenly I heard a thud. "Boo hoo!" he wailed.

Explain how this word enhances the meaning of the text.

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4. We had finally reached the top of the long, winding trail. Gasp! At the muddy edge of the trail was a steep cliff.

Explain how this word enhances the meaning of the text.

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5. Argh! Sarah thought that she had saved my work on the computer, but the computer virus destroyed it.

Explain how this word enhances the meaning of the text.

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