

## Summer 2 Week 6

### Sound Poems

#### Lesson 1

When a word sounds like the noise it is describing, it is called onomatopoeia.

'Thud', 'crash', 'bang', and 'buzz' are all examples of onomatopoeia.

Visit this website and open the lesson

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zkvyxbk>

Watch the short clip to see some more examples.

**Onomatopoeia** can help to bring a story or poem to life for the reader.

It is often used to add humour as well because the words usually sound quite strange or are fun to say.

Watch the clip in which poet **Joseph Coelho** talks about **onomatopoeia** and how you could use it in a poem.

You only need to watch up to **1 minute and 23 seconds**.

Now, have a go at Activity 1 online and complete this activity sheet.

# Sounding the Same –

## Onomatopoeia 1

- Many words sound like the noise or action which they describe. For example, the word **buzz** sounds like the noise made by a bee and the word **rustle** sounds like the noise made by wind moving the leaves on a tree. **Buzz** and **rustle** are examples of **onomatopoeia**.

### Puzzle it out!

In each line of this poem about sounds, a word has been left out. Fill in each gap with a word which echoes the sound that is being described.

#### Suggestions: Puzzle it Out!

Shrieks  
Pop, murmur, whirring, crackle, slamming.

### Have you heard?

The ..... of water as it drips from a tap

The ..... waves as they gently lap

The ..... of the air from a hairdryer

The ..... of wood as it burns in the fire

The ..... of doors on a windy day

The ..... of laughter as children play

Now, you can make up your own sound words!

### Coin a Word!

If you can't find a word that exactly matches a sound, you can make up or coin a word.

#### Suggestions: Coin a Word!

plur.  
shloosh, swuttering, phwerp, trinkle, trekking.

Coin a suitable word to fill in the gap in each line of the rest of the poem. There are no right answers, but our poet made some suggestions at the bottom of the page!

The ..... of melting snow dropping off trees

The ..... of leaves blowing in the breeze

The ..... of air from a deflating balloon

The ..... as you tap a glass with a spoon

The ..... of a startled bird

The ..... of a gently whispered word

## Lesson 2

Imagine you are visiting a zoo, like Joseph Coelho was in the previous video.

Write down a list of all the onomatopoeia words you might hear in a zoo and what is making those noises.

Aim to write at least eight noises in your list.

For example:

- Roar = an angry tiger
- Plop = a penguin jumping into the water
- Rustle = branches in the insect house

Top tip!

You could use some of the words from the activity sheet in Lesson 1, if you need some inspiration.



### Lesson 3

Now write your own **onomatopoeia** poem using the ideas you came up with in Lesson 2.

You could use **Joseph Coelho's** onomatopoeia poem from the video as inspiration.

For your poem you need to:

- Write in **sentences**.
- Write at least five lines.
- Use a different **onomatopoeia** word in each line.

You could also:

- Use **rhyme** (words that end with a similar sound)
- Use **alliteration** (words that start with the same first sounds)

We would LOVE to see or hear your poems. You could publish it and add some illustrations showing pictures of the things that are making the sounds in the zoo or send us a video clip.