

Onomatopoeia

Grade 5 Reading Worksheet

Figurative language uses creative words and phrases to help readers imagine something. The words do not mean exactly what they say.

Onomatopoeia is when a word sounds like the noise it describes.

A. Read each sentence. Then circle whether it includes an onomatopoeia.

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2. The boy ran across the field.	Onomatopoeia	No Onomatopoeia
3. The popcorn popped in the microwave.	Onomatopoeia	No Onomatopoeia
4. The door creaked open slowly.	Onomatopoeia	No Onomatopoeia

B. Read each sentence. What does the onomatopoeia mean? Circle the best answer.

1. The balloon went bang!

This means that:

- a. The balloon moved.
- b. The balloon made a loud sound when it burst.
- c. The balloon was colorful.
- d. The balloon floated away.

2. The fire crackled in the fireplace.

This means that:

- a. The fire was very quiet.
- b. The fire made small snapping sounds.
- c. The fire was going out.
- d. The fire was very bright.



3. The clock ticked loudly in the room.

This means that:

- a. The clock was broken.
- b. The clock made the same sound over and over.
- c. The clock was brand new.
- d. The room was empty.

4. The thunder boomed across the sky.

This means that:

- a. The thunder was silent.
- b. The thunder made a loud, deep sound.
- c. The sky was clear.
- d. The thunder was far away.



C. Read each sentence. What does the onomatopoeia help you understand? Explain in your own words.

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2. The leaves rustled in the wind.

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Accept any answers along these lines:

- The bacon sizzled in the pan.
The bacon made a hissing or crackling sound as it cooked.
- The leaves rustled in the wind.
The leaves made a soft, swishing or crinkling sound as the wind moved them.