

# Descriptive Language

An onomatopoeia is a word that sounds the same or similar to the sound it is trying to describe. Onomatopoeia is a kind of descriptive writing that helps bring your work to life. In the sentences below, the underlined words are examples of onomatopoeia.

**EXAMPLES:** She crunched on the carrot.  
Elliot hummed and walked away.



**DIRECTIONS:** Circle the best onomatopoeia to complete each sentence.

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| 1. The trees _____ in the wind.                    | creaked   | crunched |
| 2. The old car _____ along.                        | cracked   | chugged  |
| 3. Carrie _____ down her Jell-O.                   | slurped   | gulped   |
| 4. Water _____ from the leaky ceiling all day.     | plinked   | plopped  |
| 5. Her fingernails _____ on the chalkboard.        | screached | tinkled  |
| 6. The ball _____ to the ground.                   | banged    | thudded  |
| 7. They heard the _____ of the baby from upstairs. | baa       | waa      |
| 8. The coffeepot _____ when she added more water.  | squealed  | hissed   |
| 9. Fajitas are served _____.                       | crackling | sizzling |
| 10. The bat hit the ball with a _____.             | bang      | crack    |

Now write two original sentences using onomatopoeia.

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