

Sounding the Same –

Onomatopoeia 1

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- 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!

Plop, murmur, crackle, slamming,
shrieks.

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

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!

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

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