

The Alice Sound



ONOMATOPOEIA

WRITING RESOURCE



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Onomatopoeia is a word which sounds like what it means.

'Bang' and 'buzz' are examples. So are: 'pop', 'crack', 'splat', and 'boom'. Carroll sometimes uses onomatopoeia and it is one of the ways he makes the books noisy!

Read the passages below and identify the onomatopoeia:

Passage 1:

'Down, down, down. There was nothing else to do so Alice soon began talking again [...] when suddenly, thump! thump! down she came upon a heap of sticks and dry leaves, and the fall was over.'
(*Wonderland*, chapter 1)

Passage 2:

'she fancied she heard the Rabbit just under the window... a fall and a crash of broken glass, from which she concluded that it was just possible it had fallen into a cucumber frame, or something of the sort.'

(*Wonderland*, chapter 4)

Cucumber frame – look it up (and there's one in the picture!)



Passage 3:

'Her foot slipped, and in another moment, splash! She was up to her chin in salt water'

(*Wonderland*, chapter 2)





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Passage 4:

'Here something began squeaking on the table behind Alice, and made her turn her head just in time to see one of the White Pawns roll over and begin kicking; she watched it with great curiosity to see what would happen next.'

(*Looking-Glass*, chapter 1)

Passage 5:

'She's coming! cried the Larkspur. I hear her footstep, thump. Thump. Along the gravel walk!'

(*Looking-Glass*, chapter 2)

Passage 6:

'[Alice hears] something that sounded to her like the puffing of a large steam-engine in the wood near them'

(*Looking-Glass*, chapter 4)

TASK:

In *Looking-Glass*, the Tweedles almost have a fight over a broken rattle. They get dressed and ready using lots of different household objects:

'So the two brothers went off hand-in-hand into the wood, and returned in a minute with their arms full of things—such as bolsters, blankets, hearth-rugs, table-cloths, dish-covers and coal-scuttles.

"I hope you're a good hand at pinning and tying strings?" Tweedledum remarked. "Every one of these things has got to go on, somehow or other.'



But then they change their minds!

Imagine that the Tweedles *did* have a battle. **Write about their battle, using at least three different onomatopoeia words.**