Onomatopoeia Examples

**Onomatopoeia is when a word’s pronunciation imitates its sound.**  When you say an onomatopoeic word, the utterance itself is reminiscent of the sound to which the word refers.  Poets use onomatopoeia to access the reader’s auditory sense and create rich soundscapes.  It is one of many [poetic devices](https://www.ereadingworksheets.com/figurative-language/poetic-devices/) dealing with the sounds of poetry.  Many people confuse onomatopoeia with interjections; however, they are two different and distinct concepts.  Interjections are one of the eight [parts of speech](https://www.ereadingworksheets.com/languageartsworksheets/parts-of-speech-worksheets/). An interjection is a sudden outburst of emotion or excitement, such as “ouch” or “wow.”

While some onomatopoeic words may be used as interjections, most interjections do not imitate sounds. Contrarily, onomatopoeic words, such as “buzz” or “boom,” always mimic the noises to which they refer.  Here are 101 **examples of onomatopoeia**:

1. The sheep went, “**Baa**.”
2. The best part about music class is that you can **bang** on the drum.
3. It is not unusual for a dog to **bark** when visitors arrive.
4. Silence your cellphone so that it does not **beep** during the movie.
5. Dad released a **belch**from the pit of his stomach.
6. The bridge collapsed creating a tremendous **boom**.
7. The large dog said, “**Bow-wow**!”
8. Are you afraid of things that go **bump** in the night?
9. My brother can **burp**the alphabet.
10. Both bees and buzzers **buzz**.
11. The cash register popped open with a heart warming **ca-ching**.
12. The bird’s **chirp** filled the empty night air.
13. Her heels **clacked** on the hardwood floor.
14. The **clanging** pots and pans awoke the baby.
15. If you want the red team to win, **clap** your hands right now!
16. The cadets swelled with pride when they heard the **clash** of the cymbals at their graduation ceremony.
17. The dishes fell to the floor with a **clatter**.
18. Nothing annoys me more than rapidly **clicking** your pen.
19. The bride and groom were not surprised to hear the familiar sound of **clinking**glasses.
20. The horse’s hooves **clip-clopped** on the cobblestones.
21. Those **clucking** chickens are driving me crazy!
22. The dim-witted pigeon repulsed us with its nerve crawling **coo**.
23. If you’re going to **cough**, please cover your mouth.
24. The prisoner was terrified to hear the **crack** of the whip.
25. We roasted marshmallows over the **crackling** fire.
26. The two-year old **crashed** into the cabinet.
27. The cabinet opened with a distinct **creak**.
28. Dissatisfied with her work, Beth **crinkled** up the paper and threw it in the trash.
29. The swamp frogs **croaked** in unison.
30. The teacher heard the distinct **crunch** of ruffled potato chips.
31. Jacob could not sleep with the steady **drip-drop** of water coming from the sink.
32. The root beer **fizzed** over the top of the mug.
33. The flag **flapped** in wind.
34. Did you forget to **flush** the toilet?
35. Daryl **gargled**the mouthwash.
36. The wounded soldier **groaned**.
37. As Tom got closer, the dog began **growling**.
38. Juan had a hard time hearing the teacher over his **grumbling** stomach.
39. When Mom asked Tommy how his day went, Tommy just **grunted**.
40. Vince **gulped** down the Mountain Dew.
41. The patient sounded like he was **hacking** up a lung.
42. If you have the **hiccups**, you should try drink a glass of water.
43. The snake slithered and **hissed**.
44. If you see anyone coming, **honk** your horn.
45. The wolves **howled** at the moon.
46. The new pencil sharpener **hummed** efficiently.
47. They knew that the principal was coming because they heard the **jingle** of his keys.
48. Someone is **knocking** on the door.
49. That cat will keep **meowing** until you pet it.
50. John was disturbed by the strange **moaning**.
51. The cow aggressively **mooed** at the passing freight train.
52. Janet **murmured** the answer under her breath.
53. While lounging in the slop pile, the pigs **oinked** excitedly.
54. The hail **pattered** on the tin gutter.
55. When he saw the cheese, the mouse could not help but to **peep** excitedly.
56. The lunch lady **plopped** a scoop of something on Kristen’s tray.
57. Billy will cry if you **pop** his balloon.
58. After eating the knight, the dragon let out a **puff** of smoke.
59. Most cats **purr** if you pet them behind the ears.
60. The kind man shared his bread with the **quacking** ducks.
61. My favorite singers have **raspy** voices.
62. Tim would have stepped on the snake had he not heard the **rattle** of its tail.
63. The race-car driver **revved** his engine.
64. Our peaceful dinner ended when the phone began **ringing**.
65. I secretly **ripped** up the birthday checks that my grandmother sent me.
66. The lion’s mighty **roar** could be heard across the Savannah.
67. The earthquake **rumbled** the foundations of our house.
68. When the wind blew the leaves **rustled**.
69. He took off so quickly that his tires **screeched**.
70. When Reuben saw what he thought was a ghost, he **shrieked** like a woman.
71. I love the sound of bacon **sizzling** on a weekend.
72. You could hear the **slap** echo across the valley.
73. The thirsty dog **slurped** the dirty water from the puddle.
74. The young girl **smacked** her lips and spoke rudely.
75. Frank **smashed** the can on his head.
76. After making a rude remark, Jade **snapped** her fingers and rolled her neck.
77. Having never left the city, Juan eagerly **sniffed** the country air.
78. Tommy made me laugh so hard in the lunchroom that I **snorted** milk out of my nose.
79. The paintball **splattered** against the windshield.
80. Fat Pat did a cannonball in the pool and made a big **splash**.
81. Mr. Morton told the student to **spit** out his gum.
82. Angie **sprayed** her neighbor with the hose.
83. Mark tried sneaking in the house but the **squeak** of his shoes woke up Mom.
84. Jenna ran around the lunchroom **squealing** like a pig.
85. When he sat down, the young boy **squished** the unfortunate critter in his pocket.
86. The musician used a coin to **strum** the guitar.
87. Shaun loved the **swish** of the basketball net.
88. Mitchel gently **tapped** the ball into the hole.
89. Time just keeps on **ticking**.
90. Bobby threw his books down with a **thud**.
91. That **thump** made us jump.
92. If you see him, **toot** your horn.
93. The rain **trickled** down the gutter.
94. Birds **tweeted** long before Twitter did.
95. The lawyer chased after the **wail** of the sirens.
96. The bullet **whizzed** by his ear.
97. Bob’s big dogs **woofed**at the unfortunate mail main.
98. Beth’s little dog would not stop **yapping**.
99. Spaceman Spiff **zapped**the alien with his ray-gun.
100. Ronald **zipped** up his sleeping bag.
101. The race car **zoomed** past the finish line.