Onomatopoeia worksheet

Onomatopoeia is a word that imitates the sound it names: buzz, hiss, crash.

Name _____ Date _____

Part 1. Circle the sound word

1. The bacon sizzled in the pan.
2. A loud BOOM shook the windows.
3. The faucet dripped all night.
4. The cat hissed at the dog.
5. Thunder rumbled in the distance.
6. Tires screeched around the corner.
7. The leaves rustled in the wind.
8. The clock went tick, tock, tick, tock.

Part 2. Match the sound to what makes it

1. buzz	A. a sneeze
2. quack	B. a bee
3. oink	C. an engine
4. splash	D. a duck
5. vroom	E. a pig
6. achoo	F. a jump into water

Write the letter next to each number: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___ 6 ___

Part 3. Write your own

1. Write a sentence about a kitchen using two sound words.

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2. Write a sentence about a storm using one sound word from the poster.

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3. Write a sentence about an animal using its own sound.

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Part 4. For writers: make the flat sentence louder

1. Rewrite with one sound word: "The door closed."

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2. Rewrite with one sound word: "She walked across the old floor."

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Part 1

1. sizzled
2. BOOM
3. dripped
4. hissed
5. rumbled
6. screeched
7. rustled
8. tick, tock

Part 2

1 buzz = B (a bee) 2 quack = D (a duck) 3 oink = E (a pig) 4 splash = F (a jump into water) 5 vroom = C (an engine) 6 achoo = A (a sneeze)

Part 3

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence uses a real sound word (for example sizzle, clatter, boom, rumble, crackle, meow, moo, quack) and that the sound fits the scene.

Part 4

Answers will vary. Possible rewrites: "The door slammed." or "The door clicked shut." and "She creaked across the old floor." or "The old floor squeaked under her feet." One well-chosen sound word beats three.

Teacher and writer note

Words like *slam*, *creak* and *rumble* are treated as onomatopoeic in most word lists because they imitate the sound they name. If a word is disputed, ask the writer to say it aloud and decide whether it sounds like the noise.