

Name That Sound

The words in italics imitate the sounds they describe and help us form mental pictures about the person, place, or thing being described.

This is called **onomatopoeia**. Listen carefully to these words as you read the poem aloud.

Onomatopoeia

by Eve Merriam, 1916–1992

The rusty spigot
sputters,
utters
 a *splutter,*
spatters a smattering of drops,
 gashes wider;
slash
splatters
scatters
spurts
 finally stops *sputtering*
 and *plash!*
gushes rushes *splashes*
 clear water *dashes*.

For each item below, write a word that imitates a sound it may make.

barbecue _____

football game _____

popcorn _____

balloon _____

fireworks _____

beach _____



Now Hear This!

People today are losing their hearing faster than their parents or grandparents. Whether it's wearing hearing protection around loud equipment or just turning down your music, protecting your hearing is easy.