Sounding the Same – Onomatopoeia 1

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.

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

Suggestions: Puzzle it Out!

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

Coin a Word!

If you can’t find a word that exactly matches a sound, you can make up or coin a word.

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!

Suggestions: Coin a Word!

Plop, murmur, whirring, crackle, slamming, shrieks.

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