

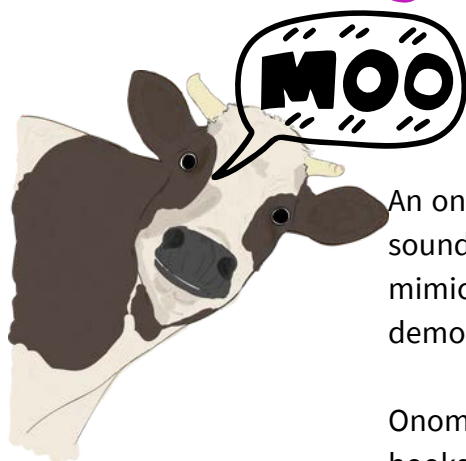
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THE ONOMATOPOEIA ISSUE

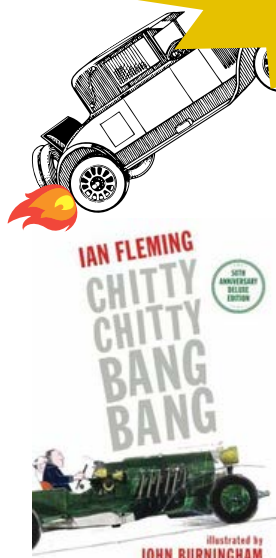


An onomatopoeia (ah-nuh-ma-tuh-pee-uh) is word that is spelled to mimic a sound. "Meow" is a word that imitates the sound a cat makes. "Achoo" mimics the noise of a sneeze. You might see the word "kaboom" to demonstrate the sound of an explosion.

Onomatopoeia are everywhere, but you see them a lot in relation to comic books, animal noises, musical sounds, body noises, and weather.

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

BY IAN FLEMING



The whole title of this book is one long onomatopoeia. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is a book about a magical, flying car, and the title is an **ONOMATOPOEIA** of the sound it makes: the *chitty chitty* of the car starting up and the *bang bang* when it backfires.

The author of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, Ian Fleming, is the same author as the James Bond books. Unfortunately, Ian Fleming died before the book was published. When the book was made into the famous Disney film, one of Fleming's best friends wrote the script. That friend was none other than Roald Dahl, the author of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Matilda*, and so many more classics.

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is available from the library as a book, ebook, eaudiobook, DVD, and music download.

THE HISTORY OF HONK!

Just like anything else, words have a history, and people who study words and language try to trace the origins of words as far back as they can...to the very first time a word was used. The study of word history is called etymology.

HOW ABOUT THE WORD HONK?



The word "HONK" was first used to describe a car's horn in 1895.

Automobiles were still pretty new back then. However, the first use of the word "HONK" is much older than the car. The word dates back to 1813 and was used to describe the sound of something very different from a horn.

Can you guess what that was?

The answer is on the next page.

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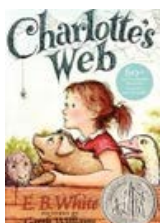
Chapter books set on a farm often feature talking animals. Of course, when we read animal dialogue, it's written in English so we can understand what they are saying. When we give animals human characteristics (like talking in English) it is called **PERSONIFICATION**.

However, when the human characters in the book hear the animals "talk," they simply hear the animals making their regular sounds -- neighs and moos and clucks -- or **ONOMATOPOEIA**.



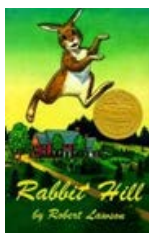
BABE THE GALLANT PIG BY DICK KING SMITH

Babe, the runt of a litter, learns how to be an award-winning sheep dog. Great book turned into a great movie. Talking animals include pigs, dogs, sheep, and more



CHARLOTTE'S WEB BY E.B. WHITE

Wilbur, a pig, befriends a spider named Charlotte. She advises him on the best way not to become Christmas dinner. Talking animals include pigs, spiders, geese, sheep, and a rat named Templeton.



RABBIT HILL BY ROBERT LAWSON

The animals who live on Rabbit Hill are curious about the humans who are moving into the Big House. Will they plant a garden? Will they let the animals eat from it? Talking animals include rabbits, skunks, woodchucks, field mice, and more.



RIKKI TIKKI TAVI

FROM THE JUNGLE BOOK BY RUDYARD KIPLING

You may think the *Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling is all about Mowgli the boy, Baloo the bear, and Shere Khan the tiger, but those are only the most famous stories. The *Jungle Book* contains many short stories about many animals including Rikki-Tikki-Tavi, a mongoose who saves a human family from a pair of cobras. Rikki-Tikki-Tavi is an **ONOMATOPOEIA** for the chattering noises that the mongoose makes.



COCK-A-DOODLE-HUH?

Animals in different countries have different words for the noises they make.

Of course, the animals themselves sound the same; a cat in Japan sounds the same as a cat in the U.S. However, the words we use to describe that sound - the **ONOMATOPOEIAS** - are different. We say that a cat in the U.S. says "Meow," while in Japan it says "nyaa." Here's a few more examples of animal sounds from around the world.



- **English:** cock-a-doodle-doo
- **France:** cocorico
- **Peru:** quiquiriqui
- **Iran:** qooqooliqooqoo
- **China:** woowoowoo



- **English:** oink oink
- **Japan:** boo boo
- **Poland:** chrum chrum
- **Korea:** ggul ggul
- **Netherlands:** knor knor



- **English:** woof woof
- **Indonesia:** guk guk
- **South Africa:** blaf blaf
- **Russia:** gav gav
- **India:** bow bow

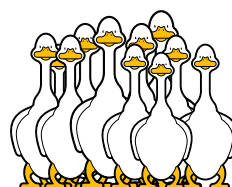


- **English:** ribbit
- **Germany:** kwaack
- **Thailand:** op op
- **Turkey:** vrak
- **Spain:** croa croa

THE HISTORY OF HONK!

THE ANSWER

If you guessed, **GOOSE** then you are correct! The first recorded use of the word HONK dates back to 1813 and was used to describe the noise that geese make.





ONOMATOPOEIA, SUPER-ISH VILLAIN

There are comic book villains that we all recognize, like the Joker, Harley Quinn, and Thanos. These characters made a big splash in the comics and then became even more famous in movies and TV shows.

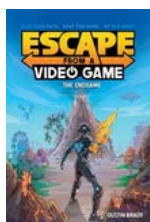
But there are lots of comic book villains that never caught on. They appeared in an issue or two and then disappeared, like The Fisherman, Animal-Vegetable-Mineral Man, Mister Doll, Grizzly, and Skinless Man.

But the DC villain named Onomatopoeia has to be one of the strangest. Onomatopoeia was an enemy of Green Arrow and Batman; he was highly intelligent, an expert in weapons, and martial artist. But he got his name because he could perfectly imitate the sounds around him: dripping taps, gunshots, blazing fires, and police sirens.

STARRING THE VILLAIN

Fighting for truth and justice!! For good reason, most comic books feature the hero. But every now and then, the dastardly villains take the starring role.

THE ENDGAME BY DUSTIN BRADY



In this Choose-Your-Own-Adventure, one hundred villains will enter Grim Island, but only one will be crowned the Greatest Supervillain of All Time. Will it be you?

DISNEY VILLAIN SERIES BY SERENA VALENTINO



Ever wonder how a villain becomes a villain? This series answers that very question. All the Disney villains have their own book: Ursula, Captain Hook, the Beat, Cruella Deville, and more.

THE BAD GUYS SERIES BY AARON BLABEY



When bad guys try to change their image. With their new movie, the Bad Guys are more popular than ever. There are 16 books in the series, and this the latest...*The Others?*!

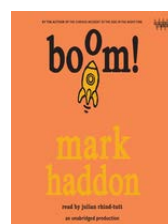
ONE WORD TITLES AND THEY'RE ALL ONOMATOPOEIA

CHIRP BY KATE MESSNER



In this mystery, Mia is trying to find out if someone is trying to sabotage her grandmother's cricket farm.

BOOM! BY MARK HADDON



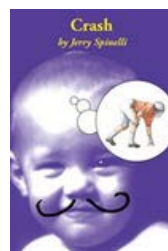
From the moment that Jim and his best friend, Charlie, bug the staff room and overhear two of their teachers speaking to each other in a secret language, they know there's an adventure on its way.

CHOMP BY CARL HIAASEN



In this hysterical bestseller, one kid has to wrangle gators, snakes, bats that bite, and a reality show host gone rogue!

CRASH BY JERRY SPINELLI



Crash Coogan has crashed through life, running over anyone or anything that stands in his way. All that changes when the geeky pacifist kid Penn Webb moves onto his block.

AHH! SCARY ONOMATOPOEIA

Creepy books rely a lot of **ONOMATOPOEIA** to scare us...screech, hoot, growl, thump, cackle, boo, plus all the sounds of screaming. Can you think of others?

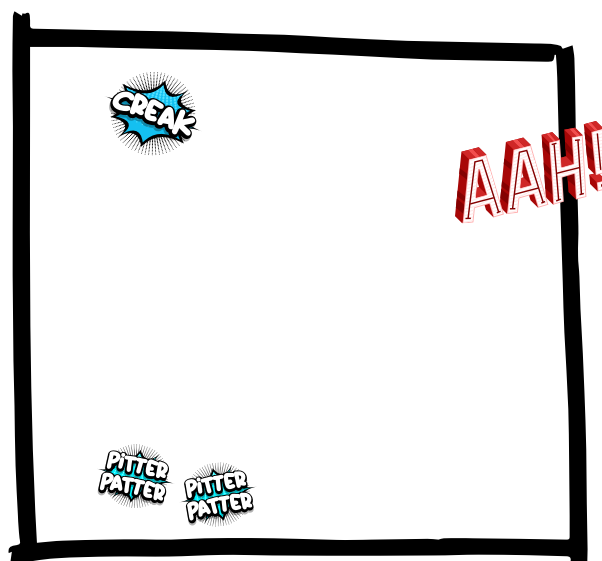
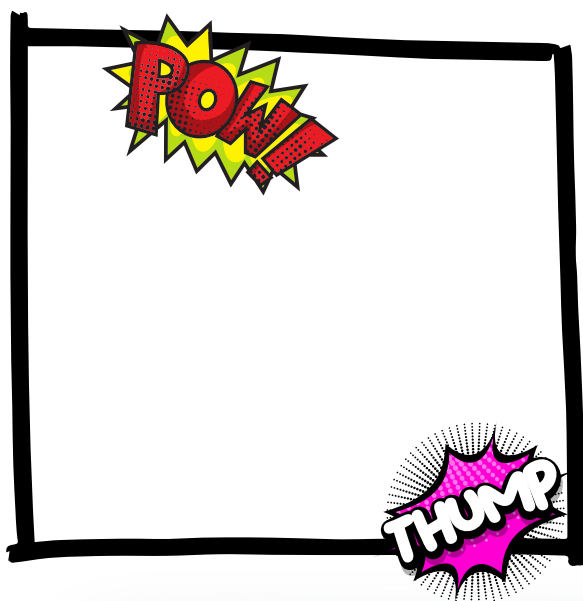
SCRITCH SCRATCH BY LINDSAY CURRIE



One day a boy with dark eyes and a sad face starts following Claire around. The big problem is that no one except her can see him.

Draw the Scene

We've given you a panel and some onomatopoeia. You draw the ACTION!!



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Crash! Bang! Boom! The call to save the day has been received!

Let's spend the afternoon discovering your superpowers with zapping games and a smashing craft!



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