

Onomatopoeia

Onomatopoeia is used to refer to the use of words that echo the sound they are describing.

smash

bang

chuckle

buzzing

Exercise 3.1.27

List five onomatopoeic words associated with each of these areas.

- 1 movement _____

- 2 sound _____

- 3 touch _____

Oxymoron

An oxymoron is a figure of speech that brings together two apparently contradictory words.

Oxymorons are sometimes used to emphasise a point: for example, to describe an object as 'precious rubbish' draws attention to it.

Exercise 3.1.28

Circle the oxymorons in the following sentences, then explain the idea being emphasised.

- 1 You should hasten slowly when solving this puzzle.

- 2 There was an eloquent silence in the room.

- 3 Her silent scream filled the room.

- 4 He was a successful failure in business.

