

Figurative Language: Alliteration in Context

Alliteration is the use of the same beginning sound in two or more words in a phrase or sentence.

Example: My mother makes meatloaf for dinner.

*The letter M is repeated at the beginning of more than two words in this sentence.

Directions: Read the texts below. Highlight the examples of alliteration and complete the chart.

1. It was the first day of practice. Denise was determined to dazzle on the dance team. She shimmied and shook as she showed the instructor her skills. Denise had practiced all summer so that she could make the dance team. It was time to shine!

Sound	Examples in Context
d	Denise, determined, dazzle, dance
sh	she, shimmied, shook, she, showed

2. Nina was nervous about new neighbors. As the moving truck arrived, she hoped to see bikes and other things that kids like to play with. If the neighbors were old, they might think Nina and her brother were too loud. Life would be lame and less lovely if they couldn't be loud little ones.

Sound	Examples in Context
n	Nina, nervous, new, neighbors
l	Life, lame, less, lovely, loud, little

3. Luke loved looking like a lazy little boy. However, he was actually a very fast runner. At recess, he ran a rapid race in the rain and reached the finish line first. People thought he was slow, but he surprised them when he won races.

Sound	Examples in Context
l	Luke, loved, looking, like, lazy, little
r	recess, ran, rapid, race, rain, reached

Your Turn! Choose a sound and create a sentence with alliteration.

Sound: _____

Sentence: Student answers will vary.

