

Alliteration

Alliteration happens when two or more words in a sentence or phrase have the same beginning sound.

She sells seashells by the seashore.

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.

Jody just loves to go jogging with giraffes.

“Casey at the Bat” contains lots of alliteration. Circle or underline the alliterative words in each line of these stanzas. Use different colors for different beginning sounds. The first one has been done for you.

*The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Mudville nine that day:
The score stood four to two, with but one inning more to play.
And then when Cooney died at first, and Barrows did the same,
A sickly silence fell upon the patrons of the game.*

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*But Flynn preceded Casey, as did also Jimmy Blake,
And the former was a lulu and the latter was a cake;
So upon that stricken multitude grim melancholy sat,
For there seemed but little chance of Casey's getting to the bat.*

...

*Then from 5,000 throats and more there rose a lusty yell;
It rumbled through the valley, it rattled in the dell;
It knocked upon the mountain and recoiled upon the flat,
For Casey, mighty Casey, was advancing to the bat.*

...

*Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright;
The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light,
And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout;
But there is no joy in Mudville - mighty Casey has struck out.*

