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# Onomatopoeia in Poetry

**Directions:** Onomatopoeia is a figurative language technique where a writer uses words that model or name a sound. In poetry, and in all stories, onomatopoeia can add fun and sound to stories. Read the poem below and circle the onomatopoeia. Then, tell why onomatopoeia makes the poem better.

## “Wasn’t That Fun?”

*Slosh!* The inflatable raft clanked against the dock.

“Everyone ready?” (I wasn’t ready!) No, no, NOT!

It was my first time white water rafting.

And I certainly didn’t feel like laughing.

*Whoosh!* The raft rushed through the water.

*Ba-Boom!* The raft dropped and dipped.

“*Gah!*” I yelled, trying to hold onto my oar.

*Bum-bum-bum-bum!* “Ah!” The raft flipped!

*GASP!* I popped up to the surface and sun.

The instructor said: “Wasn’t that fun?!”

**How does onomatopoeia make the poem better?**

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