Literary Special Effects

(aka Literary Techniques)

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Alliteration

Alliteration = the repetition of the initial consonant sounds in two or more neighboring words ... kind of like tongue twisters

Flashcards
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Alliteration © Beverly Schmitt, All rights reserved	the repetition of the initial consonant sounds in two or more neighboring words ... kind of like tongue twisters e.g., Peter Piper picked a peck of picked peppers; she sells sea shells by the sea shore, etc.

Directions:
Select a word in each of the columns and say your alliteration phrase!

A

Example: An amiable American alligator ate an antelope.

active	adoring	academics	acted
adjustable	agile	acrobats	admitted
adorable	amiable	amateurs	adored
amazing	anonymous	amblers	aggravated
anxious	ardous	ancestors	ambled
ambitious	armoured	anteaters	amused
attractive	authorized	architects	appeared
awkward	average	arrows	aped
aristocratic	avid	arise	ate
attractive	avoiding	aunts	awaited
		aviators	

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Anne, Alexander, atomic, attitude

Directions:
Select a word in each of the columns and say your alliteration phrase!

B

Example: Baby baboons boisterously bounced blue balls.

bumbling	bantering	ballerinas	baked
barefoot	basking	barbarians	barged
barking	bizarre	bag pipes	barbecued
bashful	blazing	bats	blended
bitter	blinking	bears	boated
blunt	blissful	bowmen	bounded
bogus	bored	boulders	browsed
boasting	bossy	bugs	bugled
bubbling	bountiful	bulldogs	bumped
bulky	brutal	burglars	buzzed

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Blanche, Burt, baby, beach

C / K

Example: Carolyn carelessly kicked cauliflower in the kitchen by the kitten.

colossal	cajoling	kangaroos	kicked
cagey	candid	camels	canoed
cackling	callous	candles	caroled
careful	casting	casual	castaway
crawling	cranky	catfish	curtsied
courageous	courteous	crazy	cuddled
cunning	cultured	cousins	crept
keen	crispy	cows	cooperated
costly	kneeling	kittens	counted
contagious	contrary	cooks	croaked
		crabs	

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Karen, Carl, calamity, ketchup

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Directions:
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Ch"

Example: A charming chinchilla chiseled chopsticks cheerfully.

cheeky	changing	chicken	charged
cheerful	chatting	champions	checked
charming	cheap	chaplains	chose
chanting	choppy	children	chuckled
churning	chubby	chums	chugged
chirping	chiseling	chipmonks	churned
chunky	childish	chimpanzees	chewed
cherished	changing	checkers	challenged
chalky	charitable	chariots	chafed
chasing	choking	chargers	chased
			chilled

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with chatter, Charles, church, chapel

D

Example: A daredevil dalmatian danced in a daydream darting deftly.

dangerous	dense	deputies	defended
damaging	desiring	dentists	declared
defiant	destined	decorators	dialed
devout	dingy	diners	dipped
difficult	drifting	diplomats	dove
dizzy	droning	dogs	donated
drastic	doodling	deer	dreamt
dodging	dribbling	dolphins	dressed
docile	drawling	dormouse	drifted
dragging	dreary	drivers	ducked

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Danielle, Danny, drums, dromedary

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E

Example: An engineer endlessly endorsed embarrassing episodes.

eager	efficient	elk	entered
early	elbowed	elephants	enjoyed
easy	eleven	emperors	ensued
eccentric	esteemed	engineers	erased
escaping	essential	ewes	envied
escorting	evading	expert	entertained
eventful	excusing	eyeballs	entrusted
essential	extreme	eagles	expressed
echoing	effortless	eggs	extended
eclipsing	eight	eels	ebbed

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Elizabeth, Edward, epic, envy

F / Ph

Example: Firefighters and physicians philosophically fought failure fearlessly.

fabled	faithful	falcons	fizzed
fabulous	flattering	flamingos	flashed
faddish	fancy	farmers	finished
fantastic	fat	females	flocked
physical	phenomenal	photographers	phoned
phobic	floating	pharaohs	photographed
fishy	fleeing	pharmacists	flourished
fancy	fliping	flowers	flowed
flaunting	frightful	foxes	foamed
flitting	frisky	fossils	floundered
			fretted

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Francine, Fred, foghorn, forbid

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G

Example: Gleeful Greek grain gatherers gladly glided to a glorious gondola .

gabbing	gathering	giraffes	gleamed
gallant	ghastly	goalies	giggled
gasping	gifted	goats	glared
gaudy	grumpy	geese	glided
gloomy	glum	golfers	gobbled
glorious	goad	gorillas	gonged
gorgeous	gritty	grasshoppers	gossiped
guessing	grotesque	greyhounds	grinned
gilded	growling	guards	grumbled
grouchy	gruff	guinea pigs	gulped

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Gail, Gus, grapes, gratitude

H

Example: Hapless Hessians hoarded hidden hieroglyphs.

haggling	handful	hamsters	hailed
halting	hapless	harvesters	harped
handy	hard	helicopters	helped
happy	harmless	heralds	heard
healthy	hasty	hoards	huffed
hearty	hazy	horses	hopped
hefty	hazardous	hostesses	hooted
haunted	hissing	hounds	hit
howling	hobbling	hummingbirds	hustled
humming	hustling	humans	hovered

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Harriette, Henry, horde, happy

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J / Ge

Example: Jellyfish Jack and Jazzy Jill jauntily jumped jingling jewelry.

jabbing	jealous	jellyfish	jogged
jangling	jingling	jaguars	jotted
jamming	jazzy	jailbirds	joined
jarring	jerky	janitors	jigged
jiffy	jubilant	jets	jumped
jolly	juggling	jockeys	juiced
joyful	jawing	jugglers	journaled
jousting	jaywalking	jumpers	jutted
jeering	jaunty	jungles	joshed
jaunty	jolting	judges	jived
gentle	generous	generals	gestured
genuine	generic	George	gesticulated
genial		gerbils	

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Jenny, Jeff, junk, jovial

L

Example: Lavish lavender and luscious lotus laughingly lumbered in labyrinths.

laboring	laughing	leopards	leaped
lamenting	lax	ladybugs	lounged
lanky	lavish	lassies	leaked
lasting	lawful	laddies	left
lazy	limitless	lobsters	lolled
lenient	likable	lizards	looted
leisurely	limp	locusts	lurched
lightened	lingering	lynxes	lobbed
loathsome	lofty	lotuses	looked
lonely	logical	lumberjacks	lingered
			lurked

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Lynn, Larry, legend, leisure

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M

Example: Merry maidens magnificiently manipulated mandolins in Manchester Mansion.

magnificent	maternal	magpies	marched
magnetic	materialistic	maidens	meet
majestic	meager	manatees	meshed
marshy	mean	marshals	missed
mediocre	measly	mechanics	mined
meek	meddling	merchants	mimiced
melodic	memorable	monkeys	mingled
merely	merry	minstrels	moved
modern	moody	moles	mocked
monstrous	mumbling	mongoose	moaned

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Maxine, Mark, marine, massive

N

Example: Nimble narrators negated nasty, nasally, nagging, near-sighted, negative, nervous newscasters .

nosy	nauseous	newts	napped
nagging	nautical	nurses	narrated
naive	naval	nannies	nibbled
nasty	necessary	navies	nicked
nearby	neat	neighbors	nodded
needy	nerdy	newscasters	noted
negligent	nervous	nincompoops	nudged
new	neutral	nitwits	nuzzled
nestling	noble	noisemakers	nagged
noisy	nutty	nursemaids	noticed

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Nancy, Neil, noble, nature

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O

Example: Occasionally, obnivorous oboists obtain outlandish oatmeal and old-fashioned omelettes.

obnoxious	objectionable	octopi	offended
obscure	obsolete	ocelots	oppressed
occasional	obtuse	officials	opposed
offensive	odd	opossums	ordered
optimistic	odious	orangutans	overheard
ordinary	orange	orioles	overcame
ornate	original	otters	owed
ornery	outsmarted	ostriches	obeyed
ousted	ominous	oxen	objected
outrageous	offbeat	oysters	occupied

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Opal, Oscar, opera, opportunity

P

Example: Peter Pan pandered to panting, pampered pandas .

painless	paralyzing	pandas	panted
pale	pallid	parakeets	packed
paradoxical	panicky	parasites	paddled
participating	palsied	peacocks	pampered
passive	paltered	pelicans	parked
palatable	panoramic	pheasants	pardoned
palmy	predominant	Pekingese	parted
pandering	pathetic	pests	poked
parrying	perfidious	pigeons	pealed
particular	perpetual	pigs	peeped

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Pam, Pete, patriot, pavement

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Qu

Example: Quibbling queens quietly quelled questionable quests .

quacking	quiet	quails	quaked
quaked	quirky	queens	quilted
qualified	quaint	quarterhorses	qualified
quick	qualmish	quarterbacks	quibbled
quirky	queasy	questions	quacked
quarrelsome	querulous	quicksands	quieted
questionable	quistling	quests	queried
quick-witted	quintuple	quilts	quipped
quizzical	quartzy	quartets	quoted
quixotic	quarterly	quasars	quivered

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Quinetta, Quinn, quill, quaking

R

Example: Radical ravens radiated rattlesnake remedies randomly in rainforests.

rustic	raspy	raccoons	ranted
ruffled	rare	rats	rated
rotten	rational	rams	rationed
rank	raucous	rattlesnakes	reappeared
roomy	ravenous	ravens	rearranged
radical	ready	reindeers	reckoned
radiant	realistic	reptiles	recommended
raggedy	reasonable	rhinoceros	recorded
rambling	rebellious	robins	recruited
rancid	receding	roosters	regretted

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Renee, Raymond, refrain, fright

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S / Ce/Ci/Cy

Example: Sarcastic sapphire cycling salamanders saucily skated on Saturday.

smelly	scaly	sinners	struggled
slow	scraggy	singers	studied
slippery	scrubbing	scorpions	stomped
slovenly	scribbling	centurians	celebrated
celestial	scuffling	cyclists	ceased
sane	scrutinizing	centipede	circled
savage	scruffy	stingray	strolled
sanitary	cinamatic	students	sold
scanty	scurvy	Caesars	stood
scandalous	selective	cynics	stooped
		Czars	

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Sally, Stephen, stove, salute

Sh / Ch

Example: Shapeless shopping shrews shielded shrunken shrimps from sleek shieks.

shapeless	short	shepherds	shovelled
shameful	shoving	sheriffs	shoot
shaggy	showy	sharks	shared
shaky	shrill	shells	shattered
shabby	shy	sheepdogs	shaved
shifting	shuffling	sheep	shrieked
sharp	shuddering	shoppers	sheltered
sheer	shook	shrews	shrunk
shedding	shiny	shrimps	shirked
shifty	shifting	ships	shuffled
chivalrous		Chevrolet	
		chandeliers	
		chauffeur	

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Shelly, Sheldon, chandlier, showboat

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T

Example: Tiny tailors toiled tediously together.

talkative	tiresome	tailors	tested
tasty	tempermental	toads	tended
temporary	tidy	tadpoles	tasted
timid	tactful	terriers	tried
tame	talented	turkeys	told
tender	tingly	teammates	tempted
teachable	tragic	tarantulas	tattled
tardy	treacherous	taxpayers	talked
timeless	touchable	teenagers	tagged
tiny	tedious	termites	tilled

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Tess, Tommy, telephone, tidings

Th

Example: Thirsty thistles thrilled thankful, thin, theatrical thrushes .

thrifty	thousandth	thrushes	thwarted
theoretical	thorny	thieves	threw
thankful	thirsty	thistles	thought
thinking	thoughtful	Thelma	thrust
theatrical	three	Theodore	thumped
thematic	thirteen	Thor	thrilled
thick	thumbing	thanes	thawed
threadbare	threatening	Thessalonians	thinned
thunderous	thrashing	thesauri	thatched
thinking	throttling	Thracian	thudded

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Thumblina, Thotmoses, thaw, thermal

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V

Example: Versatile vivacious village venders vetoed various vegetables vigorously.

valiant	vocal	villains	vanished
valuable	vivid	violinsts	visited
virtuous	vulgar	veterinarians	vaulted
valid	vital	veterans	vetoed
vague	virulent	victors	voiced
vivacious	violent	voyagers	volleyed
vary	vexing	vassals	voted
vicious	visual	vultures	vowed
vulnerable	vile	Vikings	vouchsafed
voluntary	vigilant	Visigoths	vied

Now try making up four alliteration phrases with Valerie, Victor, vicinity, vessel

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