Name Hour

What is Onomatopoeia?

Onomatopoeia is the use of words (such as buzz or murmur) that imitate the sounds associated with the objects or actions they refer to.

Good writers use onomatopoeia to add description into their writing because it allows a reader to hear the object they are trying to describe. This is effective because the reader is more likely to be able to picture the image if the reader can imagine the object in their head.

Directions: Find the onomatopoeia in the following sentences and underline it.

1. The old floor creaked as we walked slowly down the hall.
2. The old engine chugged down the rickety track.
3. The truck's brakes squeaked in the distance.
4. Edwin's guitar strings twanged the sad melody of his song.
5. The tennis ball whistled by my ear.
6. The fire crackled as we sat nearby listening to Grandpa's story.
7. The snake hissed at its prey to warn of an attack.

Write sentences that use onomatopoeia. Underline the onomatopoeia in the sentence.

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