

11-Plus English Quiz Alliteration

An alliteration is a string of two or more words where each word has the same first consonant sound, for example: 'Peter Piper Picked a Peck of Pickled Peppers' and 'She sells sea-shells down by the sea-shore'. As can be seen, alliterations possess rhythmic qualities. Alliteration is often used in poetry and, as you now know, in tongue twisters. Alliterations are also used for brand names, for example: Coca-Cola, PayPal and Dunkin' Donuts.



Try this quiz and see if you can make up a few alliterations.

1. In the following question, select the words that are necessary to complete the alliterations.

"Betty Botter bought some ..., but, she said, the ...'s bitter; if I put it in my batter it will make my batter bitter, but a bit of better ... will make my batter better." (Betty Botter by Mother Goose)

- butter
- milk
- sugar
- lard

2. In the following question, select the words that are necessary to complete the alliterations.

"Three grey ... in a green field grazing, Grey were the ... and green was the grazing." (Three Grey Geese by Mother Goose)

- dove
- bird
- duck
- geese

3. In the following question, select the words that are necessary to complete the alliterations.

"How much wood would a woodchuck ... If a woodchuck would chuck wood? A woodchuck would ... all the wood he could ...If a woodchuck would ... wood." (Tongue Twister)

- toss
- lob
- chuck
- throw

4. In the following question, select the words that are necessary to complete the alliterations.

"You'll never put a of ... on your knife." (Advertising slogan for Country Life)

- better, piece, butter
- better, bit, butter
- better, lump, cheese
- better, bit, jam

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- reversing fast
- cutting corners
- swerving dangerously

**6. In the following question, select the words that are necessary to complete the alliterations.
"The bear attacked all the little bunnies in the forest."**

- large lazy
- evil fat
- big bad
- slow silly

**7. In the following question, select the words that are necessary to complete the alliterations.
"While I nodded, nearly ..., suddenly there came a tapping." (The Raven by Edgar Alan Poe)**

- napping
- sleeping
- dozing
- dropping off

**8. In the following question, select the words that are necessary to complete the alliterations.
"I'll kill him though," he said. "In all his ... and his glory." (Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway)**

- excellence
- renown
- fame
- greatness

**9. In the following question, select the words that are necessary to complete the alliterations.
"Four friends ... for the candy."**

- squabbled
- argued
- quarrelled
- fought

**10. In the following question, select the words that are necessary to complete the alliterations.
"The ... smell of success."**

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- sweet
- pleasant
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'greatness preserves (keeps) the alliteration's g-sounding rhythm. By the way, here is a useful definition: 'renown' means fame, well-known reputation

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'sweet' preserves (keeps) the alliteration's s-sounding rhythm. By the way, here is a useful definition: 'wholesome' means nutritious, good, hearty, or health-giving