**Alliteration Poem**

Alliteration: The repetition of the same or similar consonant sounds in words that are close together.

For example:

Behemoth, biggest born of earth, upheaved his vastness. (John Milton)

Almost every great poet has used the technique of alliteration to add beauty and musicality to their works.

For example:

We passed the Fields of Gazing Grain

We passed the Setting Sun- .

(Emily Dickinson)

Brazen bells!

What a tale of terror, now, their turbulency tells!

(Edgar Allen Poe)

· In Xanadu did Kubla Khan

A stately pleasure dome decree:

Where Alph, the sacred river, ran

Through caverns measureless to man

Down to a sunless sea.

(Samuel Taylor Coleridge)

Almost every great Hip-Hop poet has used the technique of alliteration to add beauty and musicality to their works.

For example:

I'm the Ladies Love,

legend in leather Long and lean,

and I don't wear pleather

(LL Cool)

Peter Piper picked peppers

but Run rocked rhymes

(Run DMO)

Representin' the West,

relevant to relentless sentences.

If renegade rebels resent this wicked syntax

Revert to revolution

Ras reverses, reverberates revolvin' with written retaliation...

(Ras Kass)

**Poetry Writing Exercise: Alliteration**

For example:

*Snakes slither slowly on the sidewalk*.

Identify the alliteration in the following sentences

1. Jumping Jennifer jammed Johnny's jaw full of jellybeans.

2. Silly Susan swims under the summer sun.

3. Pretty Paula pounced on Penelope's purple pancake.

Finish these sentences using alliteration.

1. Terrific Tony…

2. English earmuffs….

3. Black bears and brown bugs….

Tongue Twisters are built on Alliteration. Try to recite some of the following aloud.

* Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
* Black bug's blood.
* Mrs. Smith's Fish Sauce Shop.
* Shy Shelly says she shall sew sheets.
* Three free throws.
* Knapsack straps.
* Which wristwatches are Swiss wristwatches?
* Greek grapes.
* One smart fellow, he felt smart. Two smart fellows, they felt smart. Three smart fellows, they all felt smart.

Task: Create three of your own tongue twisters using alliteration.

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Task: Alliteration can get kind of crazy. See how long of a sentence you can create using alliteration. The meaning of the sentences should make sense (at least, a little).

For example:

*The powers of prunes are prudent to provide potent pallitive prophylaxis of potential pooper problems, priming you for purging.*

(Rob Bohnenberger)

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