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Figurative Language: Adding Music to our Language with **Onomatopoeias**

Part 1: Underline the onomatopoeia in each set. If a set does not contain an onomatopoeia, write "no onomatopoeia" on the line that follows.

1. "I'm afraid to see what the bill from the plumber will be," Sheila said to her husband. "He clinked and clanked under the sink for over an hour!" _____
2. When Mr. Porter informed his class that they had earned the class pizza party for collecting the most food for the Food Bank, the students screeched so loudly that Mr. Porter had to cover his ears. _____
3. When my dad snores, it sounds like a train chugging down a railroad track. _____
4. I often leave the house when my older sister decides to practice her flute. She's not very good, and when she hits the wrong note, it sounds awful. _____
5. Everyone was in the van, ready to head to school except Joie. Like usual, she was running late because she couldn't get out of bed that morning. "Try honking the horn," Mom told Dad. That sometimes gets her moving. _____

Part 2: Read the passage. Underline each onomatopoeia you find in the passage.

Sam just couldn't seem to get his homework done. It should have only taken him about twenty minutes to read the social studies assignment and answer the questions, but here he was working on it nearly two hours after he began. The phone kept ringing off the hook. His mom tried to talk quietly, but hearing the partial conversations only made it harder for Sam to concentrate. The outdoor sounds distracted him, as well. The wail of a passing ambulance, the chirping of birds, the bouncing of the neighbor's basketball... every tiny sound seemed to beckon him.

"Here, put these headphones on to try to drown out the noise," Dad suggested.

"Good idea," replied Sam. Within ten minutes, his homework was done.

Part 3: Write your own sentences with onomatopoeias.

1. Use an animal sound. _____
2. Use a type of transportation. _____
3. A sound from your favorite activity _____

4. _____
5. _____