SOUND EFFECTS IN COMICS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS?

You can think of onomatopoeia /ˌɒnəmætəˈpiːə/ almost like a sound effect. For example, the word sizzle (= \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) is a form of onomatopoeia because the sound that the word makes actually sounds like a sizzle.

Many onomatopoeic words fall into groups depending on what it is they are describing, for example, words such as splash (= \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_), drip (= \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_), drizzle (= \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) and can all be used to describe water and therefore are grouped together.

These words can give a more detailed description of an item or a situation by actually allowing the listener to hear the sound of what is being talked about.

**MISSION 1:** find the onomatopoeia corresponding to the definitions

An explosion =

A car signal =

Something heavy landing on the ground =

Something vibrating =

Gas leaking =

Evoking sudden disappearance =

A shattered window =

A door closing strongly =

Drop into water =

You are homesick =

You feel disappointed =

You feel pain =

After meals. Very bad manners =

Eating greedily =

You didn’t mean to do something wrong, but you did =

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| **English** | **French**  |
| Slurp |  |
| Splash! |  |
| Thump! |  |
| Poof! |  |
| Ouch! |  |
| Oops!  |  |
| Hiss |  |
| buzz |  |
| Sigh! |  |
| Sniff |  |
| Smash! |  |
| Wham! |  |
| Bang! |  |
| Honk! |  |
| Burp |  |

MISSION 2: Fill the gaps. Find the odd one.

crunch twang

splash scratch chatter

buzz

pop

squeak

sizzle

My cat often **purrs** when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his tummy.

The corn went \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the microwave.

I heard the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the sausages in the pan.

My teeth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ each time I stand freezing in the snow.

The leaves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ under my feet as I walk through the woods.

The mouse made a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_as it skittered across the floor.

The guitar goes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when you pluck the strings.

The bees \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through the air.