



# Alliteration and Assonance

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**Alliteration** - the repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of several words that are close together

Examples:

- ❑ **B**lind as a **b**at
- ❑ As **g**ood as **g**old
- ❑ **T**it for **t**at
- ❑ **W**aste not, **w**ant not
- ❑ To **sh**illy-**sh**ally
- ❑ **R**ound the **r**ugged **r**ocks the **r**agged **r**ascal **r**an
- ❑ **B**ut a **b**etter **b**utter makes a **b**atter **b**etter



## Alliteration in poetry and songs

- Give me the **splendid silent sun** with all his beams full-dazzling!  
(Walt Whitman)
- And **churlish chiding** of the **winter's wind**  
**Which, when** it **bites** and **blows** upon my **body**.  
(William Shakespeare)
- And the **silken sad uncertain rustling** of each purple curtain  
(Edgar Allan Poe)
- **Swaying daisies sing** a lazy **song** beneath the **sun**.  
(The Beatles)





## Alliteration in brand names

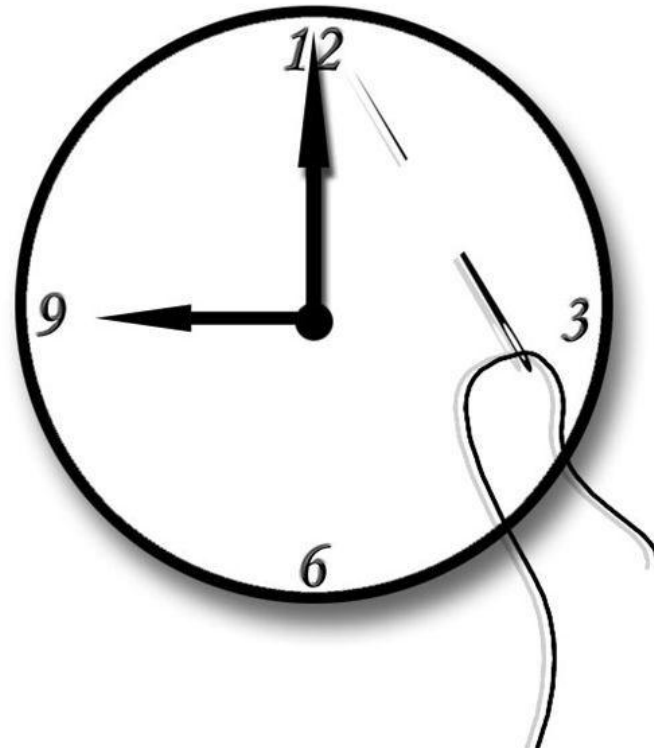
- **B**ed **B**ath & **B**eyond
- **C**huck E. **C**heese
- **C**oca-**C**ola
- **P**ay**P**al
- **L**ulu **L**emon
- **D**unkin' **D**onuts



**Assonance** – the repetition of vowel sounds within words that are close together

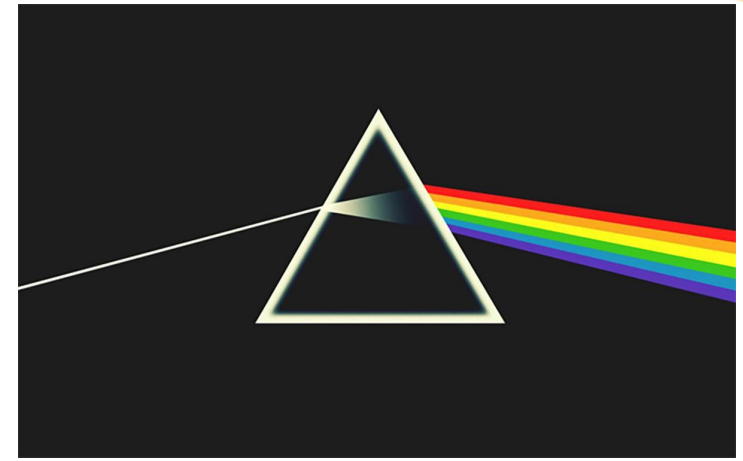
Examples:

- The **cat** is out of the **bag**
- **Dumb luck**
- **Wild child**
- **Son** of a **gun**
- **Cock** of the **walk**
- **Surf** and **turf**
- A stitch in **time** saves **nine**





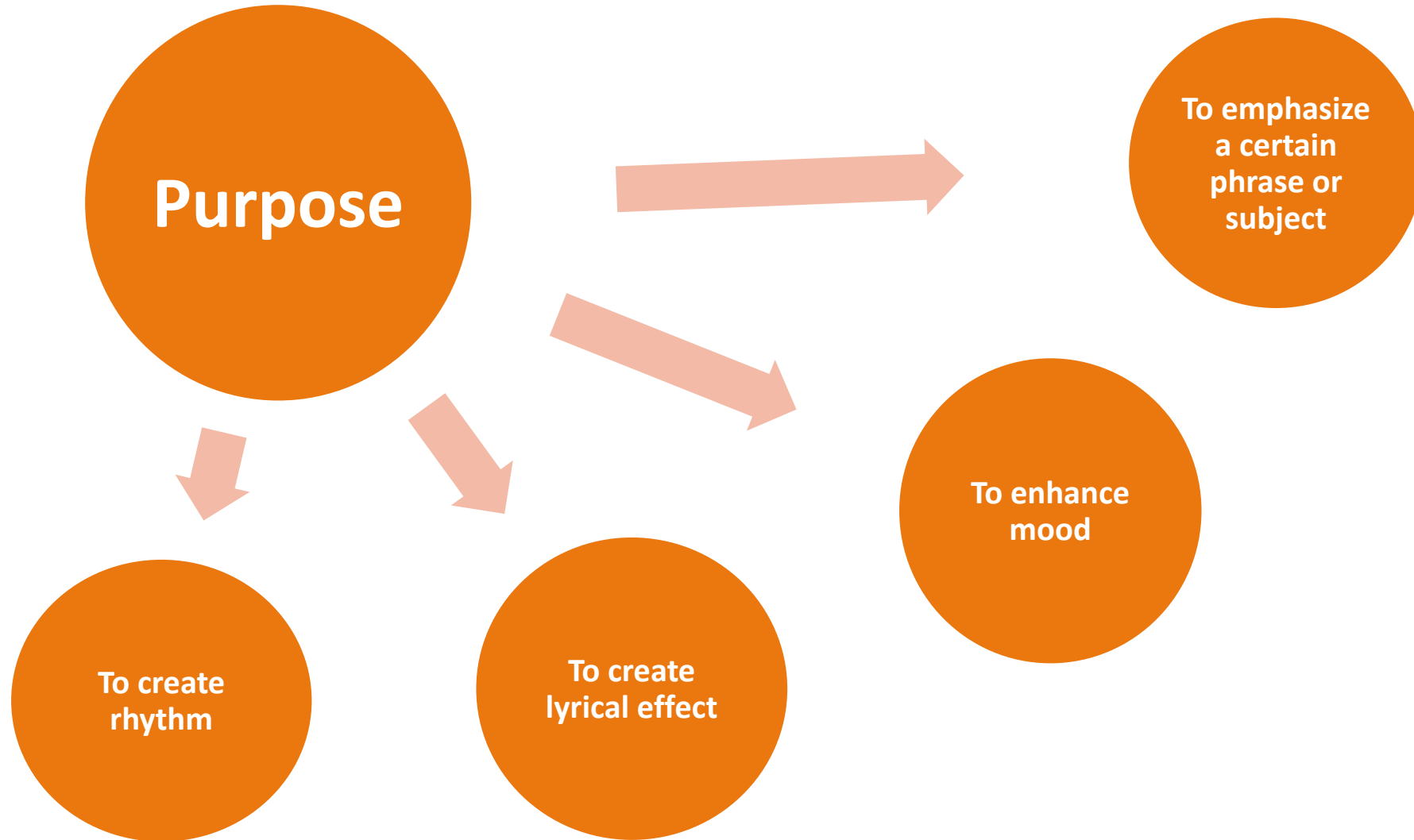
## Assonance in song lyrics and titles



- In the sky a **bird** was **heard** to cry  
M**is**ty morning wh**is**perings and gentle st**ir**ring sounds  
Bel**ie** the deathly **sil**ence that lay all around  
(Pink Floyd's "Granchester Meadows")
- The **rain** in Sp**ain** st**ays** **main**ly in the pl**ain** (musical "My Fair Lady")
- **Back** in Bl**ack** (AC/DC)
- **Light My Fire** (The Doors)
- **Rock** Around the Cl**ock** (Bill Haley and his Comets)



## Purpose of alliteration and assonance



## Test your knowledge of **Alliteration** and **Assonance**

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- b. The repetition of the same consonant sounds in the middle of a word.
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3. Add a word from a table to create **Alliteration** in each sentence.

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| 1) Please put your ____ away           | a) Planted |
| 2) I had to ____ home                  | b) Lizards |
| 3) The lazy ____ lie like lumps        | c) Green   |
| 4) Peter ____ petunias in the pot      | d) Pen     |
| 5) Go gather ____ leaves in the garden | e) Hurry   |

4. Read the word from the first column.

Create **Assonance** by marking the appropriate word from each line.

1	<b>Gift -</b>	kid	ice	fight	lose
2	<b>Glaze -</b>	upset	wheel	bake	road
3	<b>Peak -</b>	stare	squeal	coat	bag
4	<b>Pipe -</b>	ice	kid	eat	lose
5	<b>Go -</b>	bag	cook	come	below

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- 4) Peter planted petunias in the pot
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- 1) Looks like lions love licking lizards.
- 2) She sells sea-shells on the seashore.
- 3) The early bird catches the worm.
- 4) We walked while wondering where Wally was.
- 5) That cat wears the hat.
- 6) I must confess that in my quest I felt depressed and restless.
- 7) Zack the zoo-keeper read his zodiac zealously.
- 8) My friend foolishly forgot to take the first photo in France.
- 9) Hopefully, Harry's home will have heat soon.
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- 10) It's a slow floating boat. - assonance

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