

# GUIDE TO SOUND DEVICES

Alliteration | Assonance |  
Consonance | Onomatopoeia

## ALLITERATION

Repetition of **first-letter consonants** in **successive words**

"**S**ally **s**aid **s**omething about  
**S**am's **s**lippers."

## ASSONANCE

Repetition of **vowels** in  
**successive words**

"**S**ally said she was  
**ma**d **a**t **S**am."

## CONSONANCE

Repetition of **consonants** in  
**successive words**

"**S**ally **s**aid she was dissat**s**atisfied with  
the un**re**asonable **r**e**q**uest**s** from **S**am."

## ONOMATOPOEIA

Phonetic imitation of  
**real sounds**

"Sally **achooed** and **yawned**.  
In response, Sam said, '**shhhhh!**'"