

Reduplicative words and humour

Morphological Reduplication

- DIFFERENT USES:

1. **Sound imitation:** *ding dong, bow wow*
2. **Suggesting alternating movement:** *flip-flop, ping-pong*
3. **Suggesting intensity meaning:** *teeny-weeny, tip-top*

- DIFFERENT CATEGORIES:

1. **Duplicative type:** The first part of the word is repeated without any change (*bye-bye*)
2. **Alliterative type:** the two parts have the same consonants, but different vowels (*dilly-dally*)
3. **Rhyming type:** The second word starts with a different consonant, but rhymes with the first part (*super-duper*)

ACTIVITY 1

Answer each of the following questions using a reduplicative word:

1. What does the clock say?
2. What does the school bell say?
3. How does the rain drop?
4. What does the dog say?
5. What do you laugh?

ACTIVITY 2

Look at the following replicatives carefully and put them under proper headings (Duplicative/Alliterative/Rhyming):

DING-DONG	AYE-AYE	BOW-WOW	CHUK-CHUK	EASY-PEASY
TA-TA	PING-PONG	BANG-BANG	ZIG-ZAG	SEESAW
OKEY-DOKEY	HIP-HOP	HODGE-PODGE	HELTER-SKELTER	CHOP-CHOP
PAPA	ITSY-BITSY	BOO-BOO	HUSH-HUSH	TIP-TOP
CHIT-CHAT	HA-HA	NITTY-GRITTY	PITTER-PATTER	HANKY-PANKY
TEENY-WEENY	HURLY-BURLY	MISHMASH	NIGHT-NIGHT	TICK-TOCK