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## Poetry Worksheet

Read the poem below. Then answer the questions.

### I heard a Fly Buzz – When I died by Emily Dickinson

I heard a Fly buzz – when I died –  
The Stillness in the Room  
Was like the Stillness in the Air –  
Between the Heaves of Storm –  
The Eyes around – had wrung them dry –  
And Breaths were gathering firm –  
For that last Onset – when the King  
Be witnessed – in the Room –  
I willed my Keepsakes – Signed away  
What portion of me be  
Assignable – and then it was  
There interposed a Fly –

### Question

Which of the following lines from the poem has the sound device of onomatopoeia?

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- The Eyes around – had wrung them dry –
- And Breaths were gathering firm

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1. Read the poem below. Then answer the question below.

### A Visit from St. Nicholas by Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds;  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;  
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from my bed to see what the matter was.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.  
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,  
Gave a lustre of midday to objects below,  
When what to my wondering eyes did appear,  
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny rein-deer,  
With a little old driver so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment he must be St. Nick.

### Question

Which of the following lines from the poem is alliteration?

- Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
- Away to the window I flew like a flash,
- When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
- When what to my wondering eyes did appear,

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Read the poem below.

### Betty Botter

Betty Botter bought some butter,  
“But,” she said, “the butter’s bitter;  
If I put it in my batter,  
It will make my batter bitter;  
But a bit of better butter,  
That would make my batter better.”  
So she bought a bit of butter,  
Better than her bitter butter,  
And she put it in her batter,  
And the batter was not bitter;  
So it was better that Betty Botter  
Bought a bit of better butter

This poem is filled with...

- alliteration
- onomatopoeia
- assonance
- meter