ONOMATOPOEIA: THE DAILY GRIND

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This is the second of two articles on the onomatopoeia of words for sounds produced by inanimate objects; the first article appeared in the May 1991 Word Ways. In that article, a taxonomy was developed relating the pitch and loudness of a sound to the vowel of the word representing it, and the duration to the initial and final consonants (or consonant clusters). The article restricted itself to sounds associated with accidental bumps, bangs or falls of solid objects (both human and inanimate), including the deliberate collisions of war and sport, and the related sounds of friction and breakage.

In contrast, this article restricts itself to sounds associated with
* liquids and gases
* daily life (motors, telephones, sirens, switches and the like)
* bodily noises other than vocalizations (snoring, sneezing, coughing, kissing, chewing, etc.)

To finish off, a selection of highly-unlikely sounds is given such as SHOOF (a loose shirt falling about one's ears while one is standing on one's head) and FOOM (all the leaves of a tree drop off simultaneously). Most of the examples are taken from comic strips appearing between Mar 1988 and Mar 1992.

I add to the earlier taxonomy the following consonant interpretations:

- final R Z: buzzing or whirring sounds
- initial S F, final S F: air escaping under pressure
- initial PL SPL: objects falling in liquids (or semi-solids)
- second-syllable LE: sound of extended duration

As before, the comic strips from which the sounds were taken are identified with one-letter codes (see appendix).

LIQUID (OR SEMI-SOLID) HITS SOLID OBJECT

head hit by raindrop PLINK li by snowball SPLAT hjl WRAP c
SMACK c DOOF g by water GOOSH g SPLITSH q by pie FEEFPFPFWOPP h
SPLAT g SPLIT g by mustard SPLOIT g by ketchup SPLOOT l by ice cream
cone SPLAT k by vegetables SPLUT KONG BLAT g by food SPLAT kg1
SPLIT g SPLIT gi SPLOP y FLOP h by bird droppings SPLUT h by tomatoes
SPLAT ge
wet mop hits dog SCHLOP g
pie hits wall SPLAT g egg hits wall SPLAT a food flung SPLUT y FLING k
BLUB l throw soup on table SPLAT h throw hash in bowl FLOP i food
dish dumped in bed SPLLO g
egg falls, breaks SPLOOSH t apple hits ground SPLAT b gas slops on
floor SPLAT d

SOLID FORCIBLY STRIKES (FALLS IN) LIQUID

man falls in outhouse pit SPLLOOSH g in water SPLOSH n SPLASH o box
lid falls in water SPLASH s snake dives in water SPLASH b gold fish
dives into tank SPLOOP o pack falls in water PLOONK c golf ball falls
in water SPLASH b big rock thrown in water SPLUNK c newspaper thrown
in puddle FLOP SPLUSH t truck hits puddle SPLUSH-USH head
falls in food dish SPLAT SPLUT SPLASH k fist hits plate of food
SPLAT g bat hits meatball SPLAT e wet ball hits catcher's mitt
SPLORSH b SPLORK b galoshes in snow GALOSH c

AGITATED LIQUIDS (POURS, DRIPS)

privy topples SPLAT b food tray falls on floor SPLASH t water-filled
balloon bursts SPLAT g hair curler CREAMBAK wave onto beach SPLOOSH g
pour coffee KF-LPOP d pump gas GLUG c food down sewer SLURP o pour
gas from can GLUG d hard rain GOOSH g watering can FOOSH s
flush toilet FOOSH d FLUSH c KASNOOSH c paper down toilet SPLOOSH k
run faucet hard WHOOOSH d FOOOOSHHHH c shower head WHOOOSH d reduced-flow
shower head PWIT d plumbing sounds GLUG DRIP BLOOP FLUMP i

dripping ice cream DRIP l roof leak DRIP o faucet drip BLIP m water
drips FLIP FLOP d DRIP s glue from tube FLOP i

blow bubbles in water B-B-B-B-B-B g drink last juice through a straw
SLOR-SLOR-SLOR-SLOR SLORREEPFRMRK-K-K g sip through straw SLOOK g

thunder and lightning BOOM ce CRAACKK c ZOT b KABOOM c CRACK CRASH i

volcano RUMBLE FOOM b

military explosions: grenade BOOM e gun BKAOMWW x BLAM ej PTW G
BANG ut BANG-G t BANG e machine gun RAY-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT RAY-A-TAT-TAT-
TAT J RAY-TAT-TAT-T T RAY-A-TAT-TAT E keg of gunpowder BOOM h cannon
BOOM BAM e tank artillery BLAM e artillery shell BOOM e KA-BOOM d
bomb BOOM t flame thrower WHOOOSH e rocket launcher FOOM e

fireworks FOOM KAPANG SSSHHHHH BAN i BOOM b

auto tire BLAM l can POM e trick cigarette BUBBLE k flashbulb FOOM c
FLASH s charcoal lighter ignites FOOM y acetylene torch WWFFFFFFFFF y
propane torch FZZZ-T T

TV set fails PPPFT t light burns out PF-F-T-T t overworked hand cal-
culator gives up POW g

soap bubble bursts BIP c bubble gum pops SNAP c POW c

spray can PSSST o PSSSHHHH g shaving canister FOOSH g open soda can
PZZZ D POP SSSHHHH FOOSH i open champagne bottle POP FFIZZZZZZZZ b
ice in glass of soda FZZZ d Alka-Seltzer in glass PLOP FZZZZZZ 1
snuff cigarette FZZZ d bomb fuse SSSSS s
acid on scalp SSSSSSS S j acid rain falls in puddle SPUFFER POP FIZZ HIZZZZ s
steam iron HSSSSk air exiting tire valve SSSSSSSSSSSSSS t fill
helium balloon from canister SSSS i air-bag inflates PINK s fire
extinguisher FSSSS j leaf-blower WOOSH s wind blowing hard WHOOSH i
WHOOSHQ g inflate balloon with compressed air FOOOOOSSHHH s blow
tire from mouth WOOSH s
TENSION RELEASE OF SPRING (VIBRATIONS)
toy mouse on spring DOING g springs on feet BOING g on inflatable
sneakers DOING l jack-in-the-box spring release SPRING g toast pops
up BWOOSH c trap sprung TWANG g box on springs KA-BOING t
tennis racket bounces on head THWANG y electric guitar ZOOM 2000000M
SLAP WUPF A TUNK d guitar DOING SPRINGQ i PLINK m xylophone PLINK s
tree branch a catapult TOING g slingshot THWAMPING t stretched dog lease
TWANG g whip CRACK h baby spoon catapulted TWANG g flip apples with
a box lid FLIP s tweak dog's nose TWABBNNING g rubber
tire bounces off rock BOING b
INTERNAL COMBUSTION MOTORS (AND CAR STARTERS)
idleing car BRUMMUMUMUMUMUMUM w ailing car GROIN-NK CLUM-N-KA F-POW
CLAKKA CLAK t backfire BANG F-POW t bad muffler PLOW t out of gas
KOF-Y GROIN PUTT t car starter BRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
telephone switchboard RING BEEP k phone busy signal BZZZ t off-hook signal BZZZ t recording signal BEEP i intercom signal BZZZ e
bathroom scale DING s beeper BEEP eu fax machine BEEP k radiation detector BEEP i electric timer BING c DING g video game ZAP s BEEP s BIP b ZAP PING WHIRRRRRR WHACKA e
ice cream truck DING DONG u DING DINGA LING LINGA m taximeter KLUNK DING s snack cart bell DING o
bells on jester's hat JINGLE h sleigh bells JINGLE b JINGLE g fire bell CLANG q DING t DING s handbell CLUNKA CLANK t DING l BONG b BING k New Year's BONG u grandfather chimes BONNNNNG 1 school bell RINGGOGG c siren REEEEEEEEEEEEEWOOP s WEOO v on motorcycle RRRRRRRRR v smoke alarm WOO-OP W-P-P W-WOO WOO-OOP c WOO i FTWEREEEEEE x SCREE... y B-BEEP BEEP-P b EE-EEP t train horn BLUURT y bus horn HONK BEEP p car horn HONK blit BEEP b HON-NK H-HONK-H HONK-A H HONK-K H-HONK-NK H-N-M K-HON-N-K H-N-K H-HON-N-K HONKA B-BEEP t AU-OOGA s rubber squeeze horn HONK p duck call HONK o QUACK b referee whistle PHEWET t TWEET b blow air into whistle PHEEP b whistle TWEET b party horn HONK & BLAT g trumpet HONK o CLICKING (AND SNAPPING) NOISES
TV switch (including remote) CLICK bcgiklprst CLICK di CLIC i internal TV channel TINK s
telephone hang-up CLICK glmcz CLIK 1 telephone pushbutton tones BEEP BOOP c touch-tone buttons TAP k answer recording terminates BIP d clock TICK gw TICK TOCK q TICK i TIC-TOK-TOC t turn off alarm DONK g push button BOINX c button on console CLICK f light switch CLICK gjk CLIK d light pull-chain CLICK k typewriter keyboard TIC m TICKA-TICK t PLIK e CLICKETY e PLICK e type slowly PECK e calculator keyboard TAP k computer keyboard TAP d CLICK CLICKETY i CLICKKITY CLIK d terminal response BEEP s toaster TIKKA z TIC 1 bread pops out ZOOB b BLUT g WHAM 1 SWOING c shut padlock SNAP r set bolts on door KLIK SKLAKK KLATCH x door latch CLICK gjt lock door CLIK d key turned in lock CLICK LOCK 1 CLIK m CLICK e doorknob jiggled RATTLE t unsnap ski bindings SNAP b unsnap restraining harness SNAP s vicing booth lever CLICK m cigarette lighter CLICK d electric blanket switch CLICK t slide-changer CLICK t camera shutter CLICK cigklos SNAP gk KLIX k CLICK t CLICK d set stopwatch CLICK g lawn sprinkler KLIX t knitting needles CLICK g swing-ball "reaction" game CLICK e completion of microwave cycle BING k turn-signal indicator CLICK i rewound cassette stops POINK s CLICK e car seat back adjustment CLICK CHUNK g pull out pin to start balloon inflator POINK s trigger on gun CLICK q CLICK gjt CLACK u "walk" signal turns CLICK d traffic light KLIX t checkwriter princer TIK a electronic cash register CLICK-K t hospital bed control CLICK g shake out blanket WHIP g close drapes SHORK g window shade runs up too fast PFIN g remove suction-cup arrow POE h operate salad shooter SHOOT PNUM t fishing reel WHIRRRRRRRRR y beanie propeller THBBPTFPITH THBBPHTHBD THBBPTBIMP c
RADIOS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

objectionable radio music TA-RAH-H TA-TAH-H-H DUM-DE-DUM c POP ROCK
BADDOOLA BLAM l hard rock music THUNKA i
trumpet HONK g xylophone PLINK s guitar DOING SPROING i PLINK m
electric guitar ZOOM ZOOOOOM SLAP WAHWA TUNK d
drums RAP RAPPA DAP DAPPA RAT-TAT-T-T TAT-T RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT WHAM-M
BRRUMM-TUM TUM RICKA-TICKA t THUMPFA s

BODILY NOISES

eating CHOMP egghiko GULP ghO SLURP ghO SNORT g CRUNCH jk MUNCH gj
GOBBLE g SNARF g SMUNCH h eat fast RRRRRRRRRPF g
cereals bless PLINK s bun CRUNCH g lunch-counter top KARRUNCH b
baby bottle CRUNCH g sugar CRUNCH c apple CHOMP y bottle CRUNCH h cereal
CRUNCH l carrot MUNCH CRUNCH g piano leg CRUNCH c wood CHOMP CNNAW
MUNCH s potato chips CRUNCH r mashed potatoes CRUNCH g pizza
CRUNCH i

animal eating dog CHOMP wh MUNCH wh CRUNCH htu CRUNCH htu GULP g
GULP g SLURP u SNAP t CHOMP p fish bites CHOMP c
eat food off spoon GUNK k

stomach rumbles RUMBLE s SLOSH m GROWLL g CRUMBLE K CURGLE b
creaking joints CREAK nly CRACK gy SNAP POP g

heart (through stethoscope) PUM PUM BAM BAM e

laugh MEN HEE HEE HO H HO SNORK G H

drink SLURP b dg CLUG bc GULP f LAF b
animal drink (dog) LAP b

sucking frost off cake SLURP g
noodles SLURP l cheese off lasagna
SLURUCK g crumbs off floor SUCK g through straw SLOOOG s SLURP k

last juice through straw SLURR- SLURR- SLURR- SLURR-

salivating animal dog SLURP SMACK u dog licks cat SLURURRP SLURP SLURK
SLOORP LICK g man licks cake box SLURP e

kiss PECK ji SMACK eil KISS chln SMAK ep SMOOCH g

spit (clear throat) THTPT t PTUT b NNNKKKKK MOCCHHHH TTOO Y c PITTTUEEG

spit out coffee PFFPPP e SPONT g PTUT h spit out pacifier THOO s

Bronx cheer PLLLLL-L T PBBPPPPPPPT q TBPBPT BETH c vibrate lips with
finger BIBBLE t

snap finger SNAP ot

shortness of breath PUFF-F-PUFF P PUFF-F PUFF t PANT k

strain to lift weights HUPUUNNNNGGG g

belch BUBBRRRRRRRRPF g URP b BURP e BU-UERFF c BURRERPPAP g dog BURP h

blow air FWOOSH s FOOF g POOF p WHEEZE s WWOOF WWOOF WOOOOF WOOOM m

blow bubbles in water B-B-B-B-B-B g candles on cake FOOF g feather

FOOF g through bean shooter PHOOT g

blow nose SNORK SNORk b HONk blw PHOWNK q SNIFFLIFE HONk SNIFF s

snore (in addition to ZZZ...) SKINX-K 2-NORe b BZLLLLSS SHORT e SNORKR m

ZZZZZZM A K 2RKNKRKLARQ q sleep noises ZZGAAK ZZZZZZCAK u ZZ MHP
BGZ GNZ HEE HEE ZZ NUK NUK HOOG NK d dog snore SNORE w YOWIEE GRIND

SNIFF ot

breathe through nose SNORTPH SNOTPHG SNOTPHJ j
cry SNIFF lbs SOB l

sneeze HASHHOOTE b KEYHECW c cough BORK-K BORK-A KOFF e COFF e COUCH l
HAAACK g general coughs and sneezes SNIFFLE SNIFFLE SNIFFLE UG KOFF ACK HACK GLIG BLECK s hiccough RICCUP u yawn YAAAAAAAAYOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOG g garble YAKAKAKAKAKAKAA 1 choking THPPT j PBTBT c nausea AAA-K UK-X ERFP t BARRRF c RAALPH s tremble with cold B-R-R m chattering teeth CHATTER h false teeth CHARA y grind teeth GRINND d brush teeth BRUSH g snap jaws like a shark SNAP c make noise with armpit FERR b hangover headache THUMP n bag of waters ruptures SPOOSH s dog’s tail swats ground SSSSHHLLUPT THLUP m

FAST-MOVING OBJECTS
car VA ROOM e ZIP Z-ZOOMOM Z-ZIP ZI-I-I-PT ZIP-Z ZOODOM t VOOM j ZOOM nt pitched ball WHOOSH b fast cat ZINNNNG g SHOOM g ZIP g WHOOSH g dog PHOOM o breaking sound barrier BOOM u spinning like a top WHIRRRA g fast fish ZIP b flying fish SMITSN c fast wolf ZIP g person ZOOM shoy VABRRRRRRROOOOOOOOMMMMM b ZIP gt WHOOSH lg WHOOSH o bullet ZINC j pine cone ZINCGOC c stone ZING s mudball WHIZZ z tennis ball ZOOM y snowball WHITFF WHIFFFFF g c food WIZZEEW ZWOSH WISH y falling airplane FOOM j dodge ball SHOOM s body chrown through air THWASSK n SWOOP WHOOSH s arm throwing hard WHITTIPPPPPP c file folder whipped out of file Z-ZIP t toiler paper spin off reel WHIZZZZ c

UNLIKELY SOUNDS
loose shirt falls around one's ears while standing on head SHOOF c paper bag placed over one's head SHWOOP c bullet hits flea PING g muscle in cat's tail pops up BWOIK g wall of guilt falls SHOOM s muscle spasm while dozing SPLANG g eyes bug out in surprise or terror BWOING j pushed-in bulge of fat on midriff springs out again BOINX k cat drops his pot belly on a mouse WHUMP g transmogrifier changes boy into something else ZAP c UFO MMMMMMMM prehistoric beast breaks through ground RRRRRRRRZRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
snout taps ground like blind man's cane TAP b
shove baby bottle into baby's mouth THPT k
pick Christmas light off of tree POINK s
pick a fern PLICK g
woodchuck pushes up through layer of dirt POOK b
extract olive from jar POONK l
card ejected from cash machine SPLORP b
"trouble" spots on globe explode POW b
one's shadow falls from the wall to the ground FLUMP b
penis on anatomically-correct doll springs up SPROING THWAT d
Spiderman deploys webbing THWIPP x

APPENDIX

a Agatha Krumm b B.C. c Calvin and Hobbes d Doonesbury e Beetle Bailey f The Far Side g Garfield h Magar i Hi and Lois j Bloom Country k Cathy l Blondie m Momma n Andy Capp o Moose p Peanuts q Pogo r Tiger s Safe Havens t They'll Do It Every Time u Marmaduke v Gasoline Alley w Toles (editorial cartoons) x Spiderman y Grammy z Ziggy

OBoy! Morice

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU AND I HAD A LETTER TO LETTER TALK!

OKAY, DAD, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPELL IT OUT!