

If **rhymes** are at the ends of words,
such as *flute*, *root*, and *suit*,
and **alliteration** is at the beginnings of words,
such as *Simple Simon*,
then what else can we do with sound?

Brainstorm
lists of words
that have the
oo sound, the
ay sound, the
ee sound.

We can repeat vowel and consonant sounds
in the middle of words. When we repeat a vowel
sound, that is called **assonance**, and when we
repeat a consonant sound, that is called **consonance**.

For example, *fish*, *dish*, and *wish* are rhymes,
but *fish*, *lift*, *miss*, and *blip* are assonance.
Carl Sandburg used assonance in his poem “Splinter”
to describe the pretty song of the cricket:

It is so thin a splinter of singing.

The words *it*, *is*, *thin*, *splinter*, and *singing* are not rhymes
because they do not end the same way. All they do is
repeat the **i** sound, and that is assonance.

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