

Alliteration

repetition of consonant sounds usually at the beginnings of words

example:

Star light, Star bright,
First star I've seen tonight

Directions:

In each selection below, find the alliteration. Write the consonant that is repeated on the line at the left.

- _____ 1. I couldn't hear myself step, so dense and damp were the needles.
-- Jean George, My Side of the Mountain
- _____ 2. This fickle, dangerous, and fearful mountain has a mine at its feet.
-- William Pene Du Bois, The Twenty-One Balloons
- _____ 3. Serene the silver fishes glide
Stern-lipped, and pale, and wonder-eyed.
-- Max Eastman, "At the Aquarium"
- _____ 4. Weep, weep ye woodmen! Wail; your hands with sorrow wring!
-- Anthony Munday, "Song"
- _____ 5. He clasps the crag with crooked hands;
close to the sun in lonely lands,
ring'd with the azure world, he stands.
-- Alfred Lord Tennyson, "The Eagle"

On Your Own

Make up a sentence that uses alliteration to describe each thing below. (8)

- fish
- ocean
- sailboat
- squirrel