**Liven Up Your Writing**

**Directions:** Find the meaning of each underlined word in the paragraph below. Put the letter of the answer on the blank line. Use the definitions box to help you.

A. giving human traits to something that is non-human
B. a word that is an imitation of a sound
C. a short, loud, unpleasant animal call
D. to close (with a zipper)
E. a book containing words and their meanings
F. a sequence of words with the same beginning sound

1. ___ There are many ways to make your writing jump off the page. I just used one of them—\(^1\text{personification}\). People can jump—but writing can’t! And there are many more methods I may use to make my material marvelous—like that: \(^2\text{alliteration}\). Both of these are long words. If you see them again but don’t remember what they mean, you can look them up in a \(^3\text{dictionary}\). You can find shorter words, too. “He closed his jacket with a \(^4\text{zip}\). A bird made a \(^5\text{squawk}\) as it flew overhead.” If you look these up, you will see that they are examples of \(^6\text{onomatopoeia}\).

2. ___
3. ___
4. ___
5. ___
6. ___

**Directions:** Spell each new word three times.

1. personification ___________________ ___________________ ___________________
2. alliteration ___________________ ___________________ ___________________
3. dictionary ___________________ ___________________ ___________________
4. zip ___________________ ___________________ ___________________
5. squawk ___________________ ___________________ ___________________
6. onomatopoeia ___________________ ___________________ ___________________

**Activity:** Draw a line to match each idea to the best new word.

1. The angry sea rages in the night. A. personification
2. There was a “Thwack!” each time he hit the ball. B. alliteration
3. I opened my backpack quickly, and it made this sound. C. dictionary
4. Lazy Larry lay on the lawn. D. zip
5. How do I spell “onomatopoeia”? E. squawk
6. Is that a crow making that annoying sound? F. onomatopoeia