

## 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—<sup>1</sup>personification. People can jump—but writing can't! And there are many more methods I may use to make my material marvelous—
2. \_\_\_\_\_ like that: <sup>2</sup>alliteration. Both of these are long words. If you see them
3. \_\_\_\_\_ again but don't remember what they mean, you can look them up in a
4. \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>3</sup>dictionary. You can find shorter words, too. "He closed his jacket with
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a <sup>4</sup>zip. A bird made a <sup>5</sup>squawk as it flew overhead." If you look these up,
6. \_\_\_\_\_ you will see that they are examples of <sup>6</sup>onomatopoeia.

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

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| 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.

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| 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    |