

Exact Reduplication

- boo-boo – a small mistake or a minor injury (especially used with children)
- bye-bye – a casual way of saying goodbye
- chin chin – a toast when drinking, similar to “cheers”
- choo-choo – the sound of a train; also used by children to mean a train
- frou frou – very fancy or frilly decoration
- goody-goody – someone who is overly well-behaved or eager to please authority
- night-night – a way of saying goodnight to a child
- no-no – something that is not allowed or is socially unacceptable
- pee-pee – childish term for urination
- so-so – neither very good nor very bad, just average
- wee-wee – childish term for urination
- yum-yum – used to say something tastes delicious

Ablaut Reduplication

- bish bash bosh – said to suggest something was done quickly and easily
- chit chat – casual talk or gossip
- clip clop – the sound of hooves hitting the ground
- criss cross – to move or mark in a crossing pattern
- dilly dally – to waste time or move slowly
- ding dong – the ringing sound of a bell; sometimes used for a noisy quarrel
- fiddle faddle – trivial nonsense or fuss
- flip flop – a change of opinion or position; also a type of sandal
- hip hop – a style of music and culture including rap, DJ-ing, breakdancing, and graffiti
- jibber jabber – fast, meaningless talk
- jingle jangle – light ringing or clinking sounds
- King Kong – the famous giant ape character from films
- knick knack – a small ornament or trinket
- mish mash – a confused mixture of things
- ping pong – the game of table tennis
- pitter patter – the sound of light steps or raindrops
- riff raff – people considered disreputable or low-class
- sing song – informal singing, often in a group
- splish splash – the sound of water being moved about
- tic tac toe – a simple paper-and-pencil game played with Xs and Os
- tick tock – the sound of a clock
- tip top – of the highest quality
- wishy washy – weak, indecisive, or lacking strength
- zig zag – a line or path that repeatedly changes direction sharply

Rhyming Reduplication

- dilly dally – to waste time or move slowly
- easy peasy – very simple or easy
- hanky panky – dishonest behavior or sexual activity
- heebie jeebies – a feeling of nervousness or fear
- higgeldy piggeldy – in a messy or disorganized way
- hippity hoppity – moving with quick, hopping steps, like a rabbit
- hocus pocus – trickery, nonsense, or meaningless talk
- hokey pokey – a playful dance for children; in some countries, also a type of ice cream
- hurdy gurdy – a stringed musical instrument played by turning a crank
- hurly burly – noisy confusion or commotion
- itsy bitsy – very small
- lovey dovey – showing lots of romantic affection
- mumbo jumbo: language or activity that seems complicated or meaningless
- nitty gritty – the most important or basic details
- okey dokey – informal way of saying "okay"
- razzle dazzle – showy or flashy display meant to impress
- silly billy – a playful way of calling someone silly
- teeny weeny – extremely small
- trolley dolley – slang for a flight attendant
- walkie talkie – a handheld two-way radio
- willy nilly – without choice or order, haphazardly
- wishy washy – weak, indecisive, or lacking strength