

Onomatopoeia: A
Comparative Study of
Usage, Awareness and
Perceptions Between
Japanese and American
University Students





Onomatopoeia survey questions

Hello! My name is Alexander H. Dacuyan. I would like to thank you in advance for participating in this survey. This survey will help gather data for my capstone on the awareness, usage and perceptions of onomatopoeia in comparison between American and Japanese university students.

An onomatopoeia is a word that describes a sound, feeling, action or abstract state of being. Some examples are: when a dog barks he says "bow wow", "arf arf"; when you ring a doorbell it sounds like "ding dong." They are used around the world but many cultures do not use the same onomatopoeia. Your responses will be strictly confidential and your help is greatly appreciated.

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Please take this survey with the perspective of the ENGLISH language only.

- 1. Please specify your ethnicity? *
- White
- Hispanic or Latino
- Black or African American

Native American or American Indian

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Other:						
2. What is your g	gender? *					
Male						
○ Female						
3. What is your o	age? *					
under 18						
18-20						
21-23						
24-26						
older than 26						
4. What year stu	ident are yo	ou? *				
First year (Fresh	nman)					
Second year (So	phomore)					
Third year (Junio	or)					
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Fourth year (Ser	nor)					
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d. words that describe emotions	0	0	0	0	0
e. words that describe certain states of being or abstract ideas	0	0	0	0	0

9. How OFTEN do you use onomatopoeia in the following situations? *

	very often	often	sometimes	seldom	never
a. talking with family	0	0	0	0	0
b. talking with friends	0	0	0	\circ	\circ
c. at school for presentations	0	0	\circ	\circ	0
d. when writing a research paper	0	0	\circ	\circ	\circ
e. when you're alone	0	0	\circ	\circ	0
f. around children	0	\circ	\circ	0	
g. singing a song	0	0	0	0	0

10 .	Please	select	the reason	WHY	you	would	use	onomatopoeia	from	the	following	*

Mark all that apply

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- b. to shock and awe
- c. to communicate feelings or emotions
- d. to make people laugh
- e. to liven up the conversation
- f. to get attention
- g. to be cute
- h. to embarrass someone
- i. to describe a specific sound
- Other:

11. Out of the following examples of onomatopoeia, which do you feel are more mature or childish? \star

neither

slightly

mature

mature

a. creak

b. boink

c. choo-choo

d. ah-choo

e. sizzle

f. meow

g. ribbit

i. whirl

j. phew

h. nom-nom-nom

12. Would you be embarrassed if YOU used onomatopoeia in the following situations?

	strongly embarrassed	quite embarrassed	fairly embarrassed	not much embarrassed	not embarrassed
a. telling a neighbor their doorbell sounds like ding dong	0	0	0	0	0
b. at the vetdescribing yourcat's differentmeows	0	0	0	0	0
c .when talking to a mechanic describing a clanging sound while driving	0	0	0	0	0
d. with coworkers about the coffee machine making gurgle noises	0	0	0	0	0
e. during a presentation in front of the class describing the whoosh of	0	0	0	0	0

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wind					
f. telling stories to children describing crackling of a fire	0	0	0	0	0
g. telling a bicycle mechanic that your bike keeps creaking	0	0	0	0	0
13. Would you feel often use, in your p				onomatopoeid	ı that children

	strongly embarrassed	quite embarrassed	fairly embarrassed	not much embarrassed	not embarrassed
a. your best friend eating dinner with you and your family	0	0	0	0	0
b. a person you like studying with you in a group	0	0	0	0	0
c. a strangerstarts talking toyou	0	0	0	0	0
d. coworkers talking in the break room	0	0	0	0	0
e. teachers talking to students	0	0	0	0	0
f. when old people talk to others	0	0	0	0	0
g. children on a playground asking you questions	0	0	0	0	0

14. How appropriate is onomatopoeia for the following situations? *

	very appropriate	appropriate	slightly appropriate	inappropriate	very inappropriate
a. telling a joke to friends	0	0	0	0	0
b. describing problems of a car	0	0	0	0	0

to a mechanic					
c. telling stories to children	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
d. describingmedical problemsto a doctor		0	0	0	0
e. communicating with your teachers	0	0	0	0	0
f. discussing work with managers	0	0	0	0	0

15. Do you agree that onomatopoeia can improve understanding with the following? *

	strongly agree	agree	neutral	disagree	strongly disagree
a. your own language	0	0	0	0	0
b. foreign languages	0		0	0	0
c. your own culture	0	0	0	0	0
d. foreign cultures	0	\circ	0	0	0
e. men	0	0	\circ	0	0
f. women					
g. your own religion	0	0	0	0	0
h. other religions			\bigcirc		
i. older generations	0	0	0	0	0
j. younger generations	0	0	0	0	0

16. How important is onomatopoeia to you? *

- very important
- important
- fairly important
- slightly important
- not important

17. Please leave any additional thoughts about onomatopoeia below.