

Here, four fourth graders—inspired by Phyllis Root’s picture book, [Rattletrap Car](#), and the online lesson at [WritingFix](#)—wrote the following onomatopoeic stories about trips and adventures. Read the four stories and talk about where each author was successful with word choice and idea development skills.

Philharmonic

by Desiree

My mom and I race to the Reno Philharmonic! *WHOOSH!*

Mom pays the cashier--*Ka-Ching! Ka-Ching!* I can hear the music. *BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!* We run down the stairs down, down, down.

The security guard yells, “Halt, you are two minutes late!”

MMMM... I am mad, but my mom gets us in. *Yes!*

A man sits next to me. He is chewing gum -- *Pop! Pop!* -- but I do not care because the music is so pretty!

The music is over. Now we head home and the car goes *WHOOSH! WHOOSH! WHOOSH!*



Zoo Trip

by Janine

BUZZZZ! I’m at the zoo with my family when “*OWWW!*”

“OH NO!” My brother got stung by a weird looking bee!

“*WAAAH!*” My brother starts crying.

My family walks to go see the monkey. *TRINGA LINGA!*

“OH NO!” The chains got loose and the monkey got out! Then, the little monkey starts walking towards my brother. “*AHHH!*”

Next, the zoo people start running over, and my brother begins to become friends with the little monkey. The zoo people let my brother keep the little monkey for a pet.



North Pole Adventure

by Hannah

I am traveling in a helicopter. *WOOSH! WHOOSH!* I am on my way to the North Pole.

I take one step out and I am freezing cold like an icicle. *BRRR!* The snow is falling. *SHH! SHH!* I can hear my footsteps go *EEK! EEK!*

Then, *SPLASH!*, I fall in a puddle of ice cold water. Then, I get up and *DRIP! DRIP! DRIP!* As I got dry my dripping water left a trail.

The people in the helicopter follow my trail. Then, they find me *WOWSH! WOWSH!* When I get in, I scream, “Thank you! Now, take me home!”



Killer Whale

by Brayan

SPLASH! I am watching the Killer Whales at Six Flags.

BANG! BANG! A whale hits on the wall. It makes a big hole on the wall and water comes in. *WHOOSH!*

I get a diving suit and jump in the water, and the killer whale comes after me! It almost bites me! *CRUNCH! CRUNCH! CRUNCH!*

I find heavy things and I put them in the hole and I save the place! We even find a machine to put the killer whale back into its big water home.

WHEW!

