

SHAKA-LAKA-BOOM

		
What someone said	What someone did	What immediately happened

Tomie dePaola uses a Shaka-Laka-Boom sentence pattern in his book *Strega Nona*. This kind of sentence tells what someone said, what they did, and what immediately happened.

Here's his sentence:



"She sang the magic song and blew the three kisses and with a sputter the pot stopped boiling and the pasta came to a halt."

Here are some other examples found in other books by students:



"So when you get a ring, you are gonna give me immunity, right?" Tiger took a shot and missed."

From *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman (found by Callum Campbell)



"'Ruby!' screamed Darius as I jammed my foot down on the accelerator. Too late. The barrier just snapped right off."

From *H2O* by Virginia Bergin (found by William Brockwell)



"No, listen," I tried to tell them, but Herr Professor Doktor Major Melcher walked in just then, I dropped the telegram and hurried to my desk."

From *Project 1065* by Alan Gratz (found by Foster Jenné)

Want more? Look in the *Strega Nona* lesson for examples written by students!

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