

**Goggles, Umbrella, Hullabaloo**  
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Nobody knows who said the first word...or when

Or... if they said it to themselves or a friend

Or a massive woolly mammoth they were chasing round the bend

Did words start out in songs? or with ooh ooh ah ah sounds like an ape

Did someone yawn and it turned into a word by mistake?

Either way, if they had known, m..i..l..l..i..o..n..s of years ago

How many m..i..l..l..i..o..n..s of words we would make up

Not just **more** or **food** or **no!**

Not just **look out**, **hello**, **go**

Not just **scratch it**, **that bit**, slow.

But words that make worlds on their own

**For example, if you say that in art town**

It rains purple paint

**Or you write that**

**One time you ate a chicken nugget the size of a boulder**

**And it smelt of perfume**

**Or that you travelled here today on the back of a robot**

**Made from marshmallows**

We can picture it,

Somewhere in our brain, it exists.

Brilliant isn't it? Words.

Also...some of them just, sound, good.

Goggles, umbrella, hullabaloo

Spaghetti, avalanche, donut,

Dusk, whallop, bash,

Dollop, blubber, zip. Zip. Zip.

Zip zip zip zip zip zip zip.

I love how it sounds!

I can't stop saying it.

Out of all the words in the world what's your favourite?

Really, what's your favourite?

Say it aloud now, roll it around your mouth feel the shape of it

Say it as slowly as you can

Really savour it, take in the taste of it

Now, is the flavour different if you say it quick?

Say it quick! Say it say it quick!

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