What's a reduplicative?

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A ***reduplicative*** is a word or lexeme (such as *mama*) that contains two identical or very similar parts. Words such as these are also called tautonyms.
Native English speakers used reduplication to enrich vocabulary and also to be playful with the language because they sound quite funny.

There are three basic types of reduplicatives:
- identical reduplication: repeat the word exactly
- rhyming reduplicatives: use rhyme for formation,
- Ablaut reduplicatives : use vowel or consonant shift to come up with the other half of the pair.

Identical reduplication : The two halves of an identical reduplication are exactly the same.
Here are some examples:

bye-bye	chop-chop	choo-choo	go-go
goody-goody	hush-hush	itsy-bitsy	matchy-matchy
no-no	so-so	wakey-wakey	win-win

Rhyming reduplicatives: The two halves of the reduplication are not exactly the same but rhyme with each other. Here are some examples:

airy-fairy	arty-farty	easy-peasy	gang-bang
harum-scarum	heebie-jeebie	hanky-panky	heebie-jeebies
helter-skelter	hodge-podge	hocus-pocus	jeepers-creepers
jiggery-pokery	okey-dokey	mumbo-jumbo	rumpy pumpy
super-duper	teeny-weeny	walkie-talkie	willy-nilly

Ablaut reduplicatives: words that are formed by ablaut or vowel shift.
Here are some examples:

clip-clop	chit-chat	criss-cross	dilly-dally
ding-dong	flim-flam	flip-flop	fiddle-faddle
hip-hop	mish-mash	nitty-gritty	pitter-patter
riff-raff	shilly-shally	splish-splash	tick-tock
tip-top	tittle-tattle	wishy-washy	zig-zag