

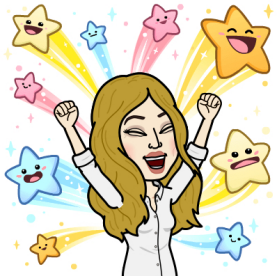


Rhyming is an important part of any child's reading development. As they learn about rhyme, they learn how language works. They begin to focus on the sounds within words.

**Rhyming** words are words that have the same ending sounds. For example, "cat" and "hat" are **rhyming** words. In order to know and hear this, you have to listen and identify the end sounds "at" and at the same time identify that "c" and "h" are different sounds. So, there are lots of diverse skills being utilized at the same time, in order for a child to fully comprehend rhyming. Some children will develop these skills with greater ease and others need lots more practice and reinforcement.



However, there are many ways to encourage children to identify and match rhyming words.



## Rhyming Stories and Poems

Reading lots of rhyming stories and poems are an invaluable tool when teaching rhyme.

This should be done often and at first merely read and enjoy for sheer pleasure. Then you can begin to focus on words that rhyme and the sounds that rhyme within these words

E.g. "I can hear rhyming words in this story. The words **van** and **man** rhyme."

As you read you will want to **exaggerate the end sounds** of these rhyming words.

You can also encourage them to join in and to say the end of the rhyming pair.

"I took my **pet** to see the **vet**."

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## Singing Rhyming Songs and Rhymes

Singing songs and rhymes together is something that can be done daily and is a great way to identify rhyme and enjoy doing it.

Adding actions to these is also a way to indicate which words rhyme. So, raise your hands, wiggle or jump on the words which rhyme.



## Look for and practice Rhymes

You can identify and practice rhyme by asking children to change, add, remove or substitute sounds in words.

Examples of this include:

"Can you tell me any words that rhyme with the word dog?"

"Close your eyes and I will say two words. If they rhyme put your thumb up and if they don't put your thumb down"

"Say the word pot, now say it again but change the first sound "p" to "c" (cot)"

"Finish this rhyming sentence for me. The cat sat on the ....."

"Listen to these words, tin, bin, mop, win. Which one of these does not rhyme with the rest?"

You will also find many rhyming games, resources and activities online. I will upload some to this folder as examples for you.

