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5 Indoor games to help your child with rhyme



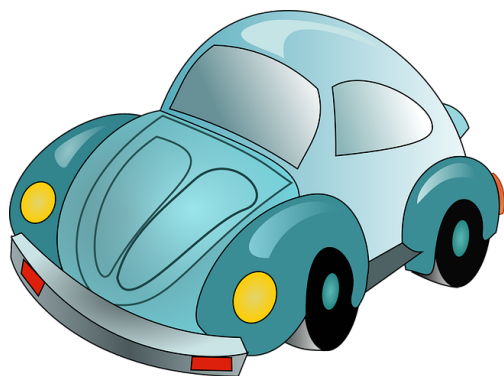
Why rhyme helps your child with reading and spelling

- 1. Rhyme helps children understand the rhythm of language.**
- 2. It helps children notice different sounds within words which helps when they read and spell.**
- 3. It improves their listening skills, memory and concentration.
Plus, it is fun.**

1. Rhyming Pairs

Collect a few small toys and objects that rhyme from around the house e.g. clock/sock, car/star book/hook, cube/tube pen/men (playmobil etc)

Put the collection on a tray or in a box and your child pulls out an object one at a time, says its name then finds the matching rhyme



2. Rhyming Songs

Sing and dance along to rhyming songs and chants.



3. Read Rhyming Stories

Read rhyming stories or poems to your child. This helps them to recognise rhyme and predict the rhyming word. Ask your child to tell you the missing rhyming word after they have heard the story a few times.

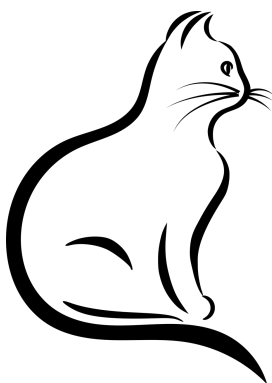


4. Rhyming Memory Game

A good game to develop memory and rhyming skills. Find or draw a selection of rhyming pictures. (Around 6 pairs to start)

Cut out from magazines, adverts from catalogues or use clip art etc. Or just draw simple pictures.

e.g. moon/ spoon, sun/bun
fox/box, pan/fan cat/hat,
clock/sock, swing/king etc.



Place pictures face down in rows.

The child picks up 2 cards and says their name aloud. If they don't rhyme (e.g. fan and clock) put the pictures face down again in the same position. The next person picks up another 2 pictures.(e.g. dog and log) So they keep the rhyming pair.

The winner has the most rhyming pairs.

5. Nonsense Rhyming Game

“Dinner Time”

Use soft toys or draw some animals e.g cat, dog, bear, snake, owl etc.

Then adult says a rhyming word to match the animals e.g. Who likes to eat fat?

(cat)

Who likes to eat a log?

(dog)

Who likes to eat cake?

(snake)

Who likes to eat hair?(bear)

Children will enjoy making up their own words and the adult can 'feed' the animals while the child says the rhyming words.

Nonsense words can be used by the child as they understand the concept.

