

Rhyming

Rhyming helps children hear when words sound the same at the end. This is a fun way to help them listen carefully to sounds in words. This is the order in which they learn rhyming:

1. Noticing rhymes

- Ask: "Do these words rhyme?" For example: house/mouse, cat/hat, dog/sun. Ask children to tap their knees when they hear two words that rhyme.
- Show picture sheets and ask which words sound the same at the end.
- Read rhyming stories and ask children to listen for words that sound the same at the end.

2. Matching rhymes

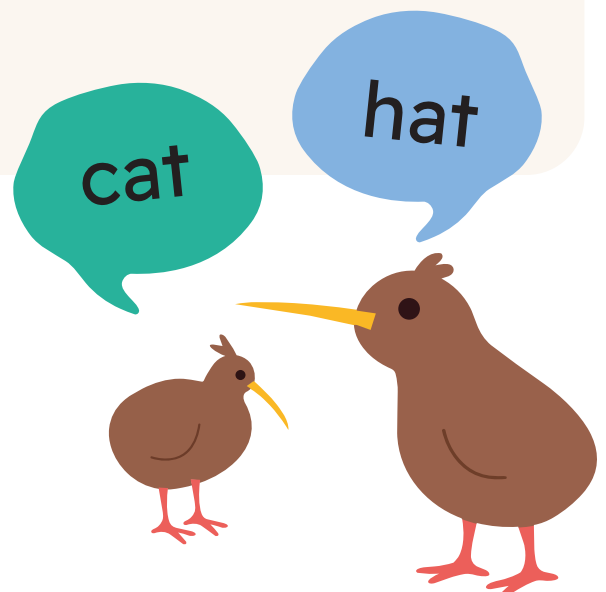
- Show children pictures and ask them to find the one that rhymes with your word. For example, say "cat" and show pictures of man, hat, and apple. The child finds "hat."
- Use picture cards and ask children to match the pictures that rhyme.
- Play a simple Snap game using rhyming picture cards.

3. Finding the odd one out

- Show 3-6 pictures and ask which one does not rhyme.
- Deal out picture cards and ask children to find the one that sounds different at the end.
- Use bingo-style picture boards. Deal one card to each child. Children can find one picture that rhymes and one that does not.

4. Making rhymes

- This is the hardest step.
- Show a picture and ask the child to think of a word that rhymes with it. It is okay if they make up a silly word. This still shows they are listening to the sound pattern.



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