

PLAY & LEARN:

Rhyming Words book



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Rhymes are a time-treasured gift that you can share with your children as many generations have done so before you. This gift has educational value beyond measure. Rhyming helps children notice and work with sounds and rhythms in words. This is known as phonemic awareness. Children will begin to anticipate sounds to come. Rhyming prepares a child for reading, writing and spelling and also improves their ability to say words as well. Here are some fun ways to incorporate rhymes into your child's day.

Here are some practical tips for teaching your child to recognize words that rhyme.

- **Roses are Red.** Children will love this version of the "Duck, Duck, Goose" game. Ask the children to sit in a circle. One child walks around the circle and taps his friends on the head as he says: "Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet and so are YOU." The child he taps when saying the word YOU stands up and chases the tapping child around the circle to fill the empty spot. Repeat until each child has a turn.
- **Rig-a-Jig-Jig.** This is a fun pick-up game that encourages friendship. Have children stand in a circle. Select one child to go first. This child walks around the inside of the circle as everyone recites the first half of the "Rig-a-Jig-Jig" rhyme:

*As I was walking down the street, down the street, down the street
A very good friend I chanced to meet. Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho!*

The child will then pick a friend that is standing nearby when he gets to the "Hi-Ho" refrain of the rhyme. The two will link arms and continue walking around the inside of the circle as everyone recites the second half of the rhyme:

*Rig-a-Jig-Jig and away we go, away we go, away we go!
Rig-a-Jig-Jig and away we go! Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho!*

The game continues as the children walk and add new friends to their group as they go.

Child and parent or caring adult can play another fun version of the same game. Place your child on your lap facing you, and gently bounce him on your lap as you hold his hands and say or sing the first two lines of the poem. Speed up the bouncing as you say the last two lines. Your child will like the fast bouncing best!



Together we will help your child learn and grow. SingPlayLove.com