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5 Outdoor games to help your child with rhymes



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 Treasure Hunt

Hide objects or pictures outside (or inside)

Tell the child to find the thing that rhymes with a word. e.g.

tall (find doll) or

moon (find spoon)



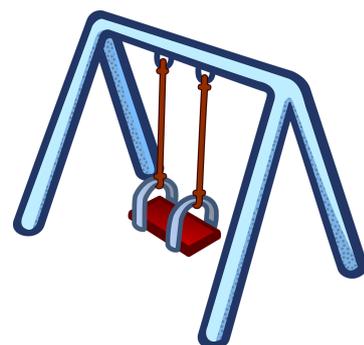
2. Rhyming Run

Shout out a word and the child has to run to the correct object outdoors.

e.g. say 'power' - child runs to flower

say 'king' - child runs to swing

say 'me' - child runs to tree etc.



3. Rhyming Statues

Children run on the spot or jump or do scissor jumps.

Say pairs of words that rhyme e.g. fan/ran, skip/lip, fan/pan etc.

Periodically say pairs that don't rhyme e.g. cat/can and the child has to freeze like a statue.

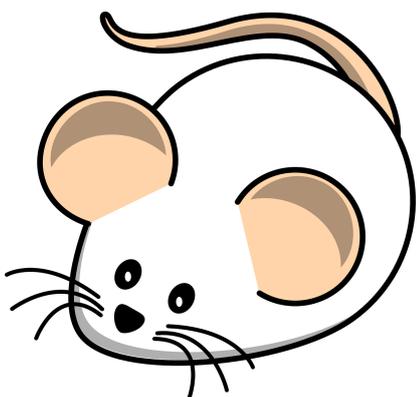


4. Rhyming I Spy

On a walk, say to your child
I spy with my little eye
something that rhymes
with 'pop'

And the child points to
shop

Some further examples -
sorry/lorry, mouse/house,
third/bird, can/man, fog/
dog, hat/cat, fuss/bus



5. Rhyming Hopscotch

Draw a hopscotch grid with chalk. Put a small object in each box e.g. key, train, car, ball etc.

Child throws a stone and hops to the correct square. Then thinks up words that rhyme with the object.

Accept nonsense words too as they still understand the concept.

