

## Rhyme Activities for Improving Language Skills

Listen to and learn nursery rhymes.

Play about with well-known rhymes and make up new ones,  
eg. Humpty Dumpty sat on a chair,  
Humpty Dumpty had curly hair.

Humpty Dumpty sat on a rug,  
Humpty Dumpty had a new mug

Recite nursery rhymes leaving the group to fill in last word

e.g. Jack and Jill went up the .....

Recite nursery rhymes putting in a wrong word. As soon as child hears a wrong word he puts up his hand.

e.g. Little Jack Horner sat in a cupboard.

Reverse words in nursery rhymes

e.g. Little Peep Bo had some sheep

Substitute words –

e.g. Twinkle, twinkle little car.

Change word order

e.g. Little Muffet Miss

Change the initial sounds of words

e.g. Hickory, Dickory Dock, the clouse ran up the mock.

Use cards with pictures of rhyming words, e.g. a hat and a cat. Share cards out or put them all down in centre of circle. First child holds up card or the rest of the children try to be first to get the rhyming partner. Child with rhyming card goes and sits beside the other. OR the teacher could hold up the card and all the children try to be first to find a rhyming partner. Counters could be given for correct answers.

Using a beanbag first player shouts 'My basket is full of cheese' – throw beanbag to friend who has to have a basket full of fleas, trees, etc.

Worksheets either done orally or written. \* see below

2. Extended listening and processing
3. Extended listening, processing and thinking

# 1..Give a Rhyme

On a **log** I saw a .....

I like to **eat** a slice of .....

The **pig** wore a .....

The **star** is in the .....

When we go for a **walk** I like to .....

A **fox** in a .....

I saw a **mole** come out of a .....

Do you **see** the little .....

The **hen** swallowed a .....

In the **house** is a little .....

The boy is **tall**; he can catch the .....

Tears in my **eye** I started to .....

I saw a **rat** chasing a .....

The rich **king** wore a sparkling .....

A green **snake** was eating.....

On a dark **night** the moon shines .....

6,7,**8** shut the .....

Stop singing that **song** it's much too .....

In the **sun** he had some .....

## Rhyming couplets



It is dark, switch on the light  
The sun has set, now it's .....

You live in me. I sound like mouse.  
I have a roof and walls. I am a .....

You look at me to tell the time.  
I rhyme with rock I am a .....

I swim in the river, I sound like dish.  
I am a .....

You sit on me. I sound like hair.  
I am a .....

This is a word that rhymes with make.  
It's delicious to eat, it is a .....

## Rhyming couplets 2

This is a word that rhymes with jar.

It needs petrol. It is a .....

This is a word that rhymes with king.

It ties things up, it's a ball of .....

This is a word that rhymes with sighs.

You see with these, they are your .....

This is a word that rhymes with run.

Round and sticky it is a .....

This is a word that rhymes with coat.

It sails on the sea, it is a .....

This is a word that rhymes with smelly.

It wobbles and wobbles, it's delicious .....

## What's the Rhyme?

I'm thinking of something you wear on your feet; it rhymes with choose.

It is .....

I'm thinking of something you wear on your legs; it rhymes with lights.

It is .....

I'm thinking of something you wear when it's cold; it rhymes with moat.

It is a .....

I'm thinking of something you wear on your head; it rhymes with mat.

It is a .....

I'm thinking of something you wear next to your skin; it rhymes with best.

It is a .....

I'm thinking of something you wear on your feet; it rhymes with candles.

It is .....

I'm thinking of something you tuck into your trousers; it rhymes with dirt.

It is a .....

