

Rhyming Word Activities

The ability to detect rhyme in words is a good predictor of early reading success.

Rhyming words are words that sound the same at the end, like *peg* and *leg*, *net* and *set*, and *can* and *ran*.

It is important to practice rhyming words with your child. Nursery rhymes, rhyming books, and games are enjoyable ways to help your child understand rhyming words.

Recite nursery rhymes and have your child identify the words that rhyme. Read books with a rhyming text and point out the words that rhyme. Read the text and pause before a rhyming word and have your child fill in the missing rhyming word. Make rhyming a fun experience.

Attached are nursery rhymes, rhyming cards, activities, and a list of books with a rhyming text.

HAVE FUN!

Hickety Pickety

Hickety pickety,
my black hen.
She lays eggs for gentlemen.
Sometimes nine.
And sometimes ten.

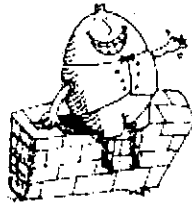
Hickety pickety,
my black hen.



Hickory Dickory Dock

Hickory, dickory, dock.

The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one.
The mouse ran down.
Hickory, dickory, dock!



Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses
and all the King's men
couldn't put Humpty together again!



Itsy Bitsy Spider

The itsy bitsy spider
climbed up the water spout.
Down came the rain
and washed the spider out.
Out came the sun
and dried up all the rain.
And the itsy bitsy spider
went up the spout again!

Jack and Jill

Jack and Jill went up the hill
to fetch a pail of water.
Jack fell down
and broke his crown.
And Jill came tumbling after!



Jack Be Nimble

Jack be nimble!
Jack be quick!
Jack jump over the candle stick!



Little Bo Peep

Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep
and she doesn't know where to find them.
Leave them alone,
and they'll come home
wagging their tails behind them.



Little Boy Blue

Little Boy Blue
come blow your horn.
The sheep's in the meadow.
The cow's in the corn.
Where is the boy who looks after the sheep?
He's under the haystack fast asleep



Peas Porridge Hot

Peas porridge hot.
Peas porridge cold.
Peas porridge in the pot
Nine days old!



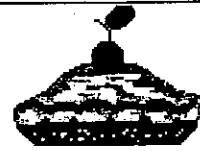
Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater

Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater,
Had a wife and couldn't keep her.
He put her in a pumpkin shell
and there he kept her very well



Queen of Hearts

The Queen of Hearts
she made some tarts
all on a summer's day.
The Knave of Hearts,
he stole those tarts
and took them clean away.



Simple Simon

Simple Simon
met a pieman
going to the fair.
Says Simple Simon to the pieman
"Let me taste your ware!"

Says the pieman to Simple Simon
"Show me first your penny."
Says Simple Simon to the pieman
"Indeed I have not any!"

★ *Star Light* ★

★ Star light.
Star bright. ★
First star I see tonight.
I wish I may.
I wish I might
have the wish I wish tonight.



To Market

To market, to market
to buy a fat pig.
Home again, home again
Jiggity jig!

To market, to market
to buy a fat hog.
Home again, home again
Jiggity jog!



Little Miss Muffet

Little Miss Muffet
sat on a tuffet
eating her curds and whey.
Along came a spider
and sat down beside her.
And frightened Miss Muffet away!



Mary Had a Little Lamb

Mary had a little lamb.
It's fleece was white as snow.
And everywhere that Mary went
the lamb was sure to go.



Mary, Mary Quite Contrary

Mary, Mary quite contrary
How does your garden grow?
With silver bells
And cockle shells,
And pretty maids all in a row.

Old King Cole

Old King Cole
was a merry old soul,
and a merry old soul was he.
He called for his pipe,
and he called for his bowl,
and he called for his fiddlers three.



Old Mother Hubbard

Old Mother Hubbard
went to the cupboard
to get her poor dog a bone.
But when she got there,
the cupboard was bare.
And so the poor dog had none.

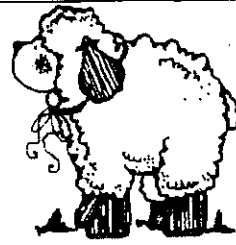


Pat a Cake

Pat a cake, pat a cake
Baker's man!
Bake me a cake
as fast as you can.
Pat it, and prick it,
and mark it with a ____.
Put it in the oven for ____ and me!

1, 2, Buckle My Shoe

1, 2, Buckle my shoe.
3, 4 Shut the door.
5, 6 Pick up sticks.
7, 8 Lay them straight.
9, 10 A big fat hen!



Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa, baa black sheep
Have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir. Three bags full.
One for the master
and one for the dame.
And one for the little boy
who lives down the lane.



Diddle Diddle Dumpling

Diddle diddle dumpling
my son John.
He went to bed with his socks on.
One shoe off and one shoe on.
Diddle diddle dumpling
my son John!



Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey diddle, diddle.
The cat and the fiddle.
The cow jumped over the moon.
The little dog laughed to see such a sport
and the dish ran away with the spoon!



Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle little star.
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high.
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle little star.
How I wonder what you are!



Wee Willie Winkie

Wee Willie Winkie
runs through the town,
upstairs, downstairs,
in his nightgown.
Rapping at the windows,
crying through the lock,
"Are the children all in bed?
For now it's eight 8 o'clock".

Below you will find a list of books with rhyme patterns that may be helpful as you work with your children.

Miss Bindergarten series

Jake Bakes a Cake

Dr. Seuss books

Good Night Moon - Margaret Wise

Silly Sally

Jesse Bear series - Nancy Carlton

I Went Walking

Big Fat Hen - Keith Baker

Brown Bear - Bill Martin

Chicka Chicka Boom - Bill Martin

Ten Little Ladybugs - Gerth

Today I Feel Silly & other Moods that Make my
Day - Jamie Lee Curtis

First Rhymes - Jane Swift

To Market, To Market - Janet Stevens

Is Your Mama a Llama - Guarino

Dinosaur Roar - Strickland

Toad on the Road - Schade

Icky, Sticky Frog

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed - Christelow

I Know Two Who Said Moo - Judi Barrgett

Rhyming Sentences

Look at that man
jump over the _____. (can, pan, fan)

See the frog
sit on a _____. (log, dog, hog, polliwog)

Did you ever see a whale
with a polka-dot _____. (tail, pail, snail, nail)

Look what I see!
A yellow and black _____. (bumblebee, tree)

Do you see the fly
sitting on the _____. (pie, tie)

Can you imagine a bear
with purple and green _____. (hair)

Watch the cat
playing with the _____. (rat, bat, hat, mat)

See the bug
holding a _____. (jug, mug, rug)

Can you imagine pigs
wearing _____. (wigs, figs, twigs)

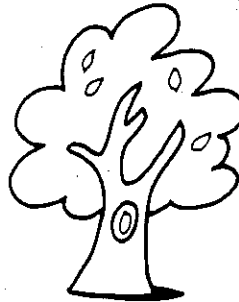
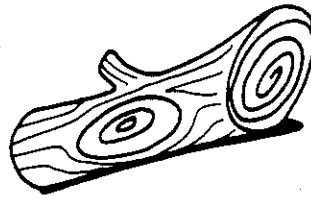
Look up in the sky
and see a bird flying _____. (high, by)

See the little mouse
run through the _____. (house, blouse)

Look at the girl
with the big, brown _____. (curl, squirrel)

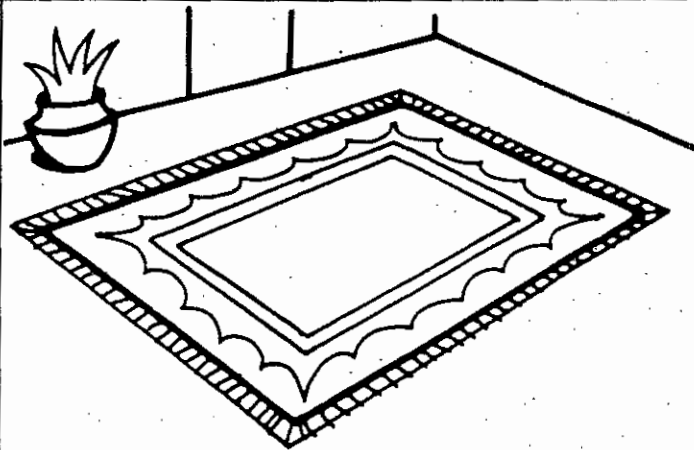
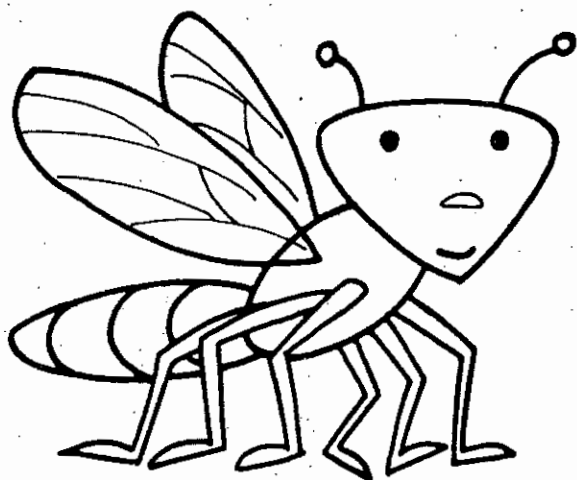
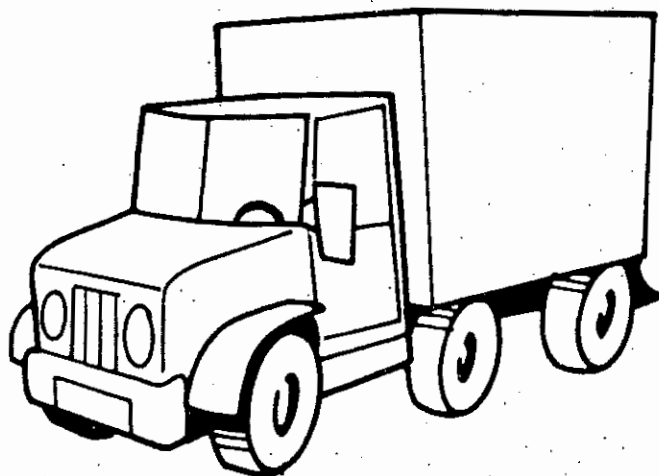
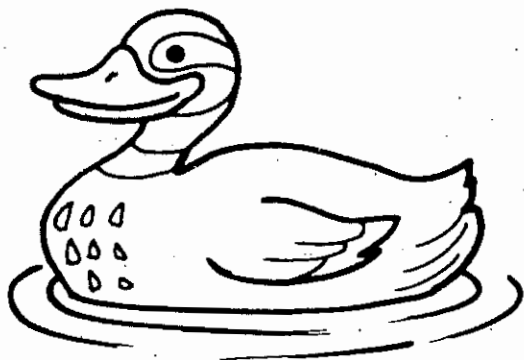
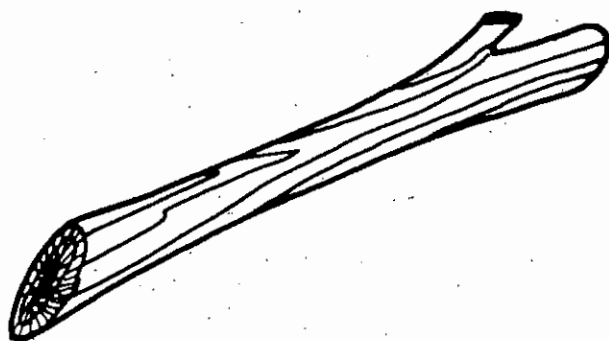
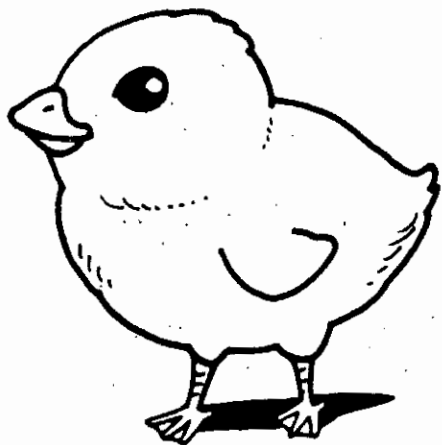
"O.K.," said dad,
"I'm really _____. (sad, mad, glad)

The clumsy ox
tripped over the _____. (box, fox, clocks, rocks, blocks)



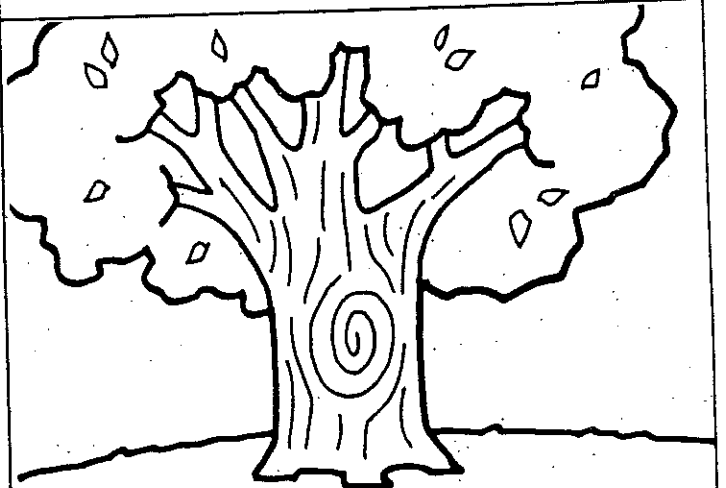
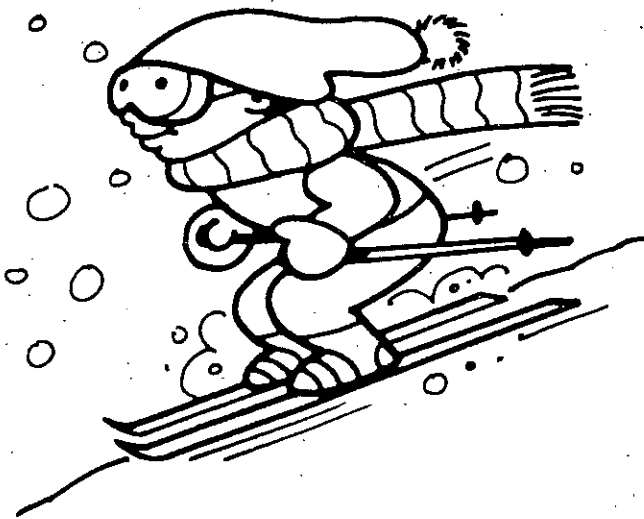
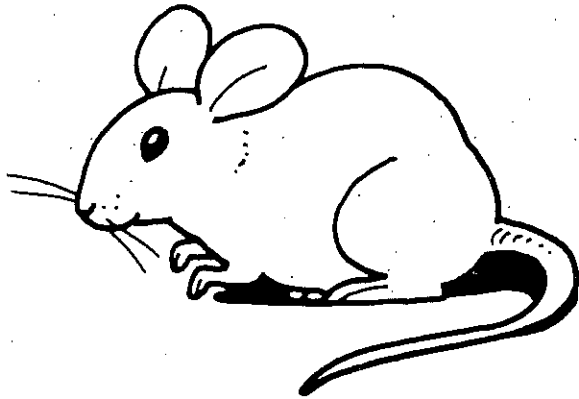
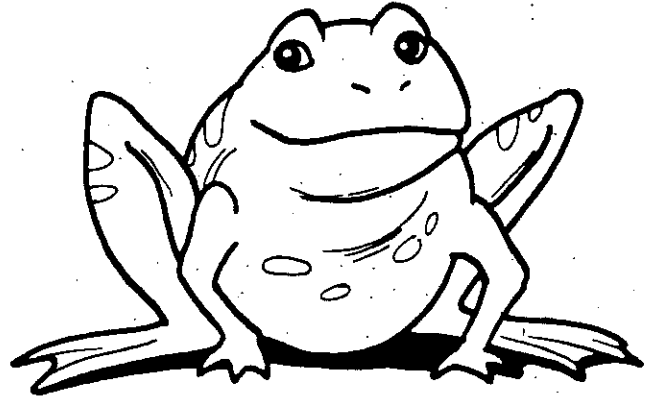
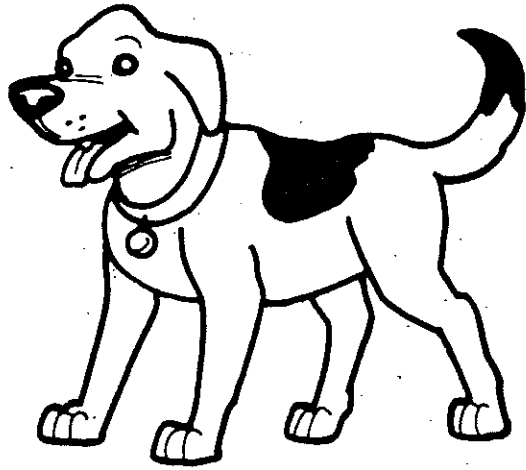
Rhyming Picture Cards

chick, stick; duck, truck; bug, rug



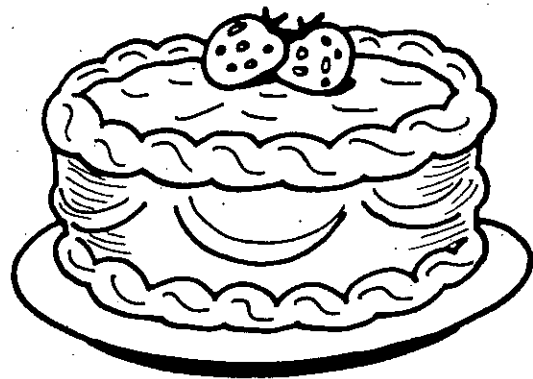
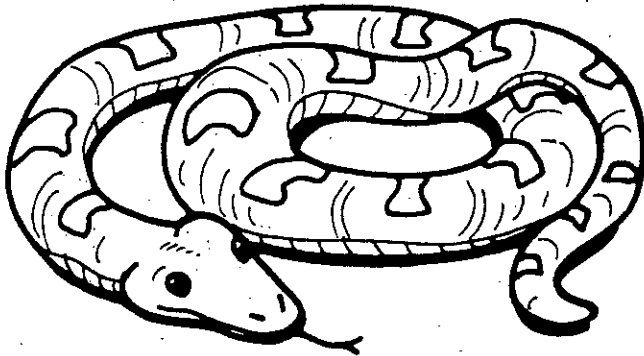
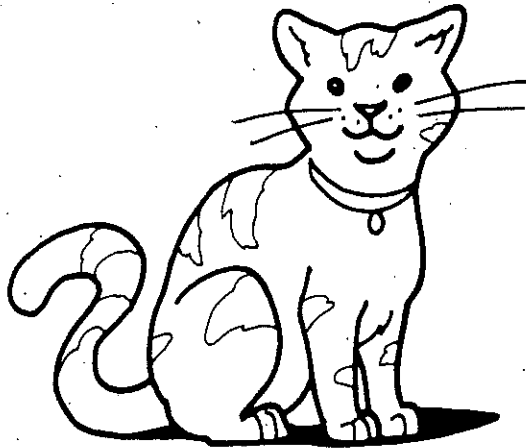
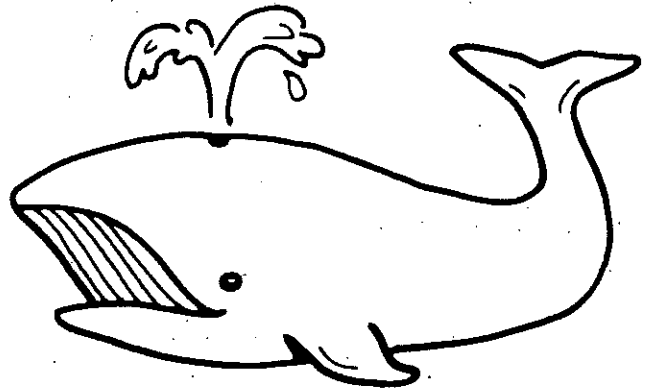
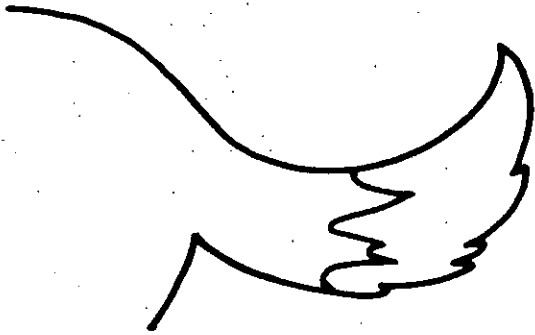
Rhyming Picture Cards

dog, frog; mouse, house; ski, tree



Rhyming Picture Cards

tail, whale; cat, rat; snake, cake



Rhyming Picture Cards

skunk, trunk, fox, box, pig, wig

