

Phonological Awareness Activity: Rhyming

Objective: To begin teaching your child that rhyming words are words that end the same *and* to help your child attend to the sounds in words.

Materials Needed: List of words to be rhymed.

Instructions: Begin by telling your child that words that rhyme all end the same and provide an example. Say something like:

“Words that rhyme all end the same. Listen, cat – hat. Cat and hat rhyme because they both end the same. Listen, nickel – pickle. Nickel and pickle rhyme because they both end the same. Your turn, tell me a word that rhymes with dog.”

Give your child time to think of a word. If your child has not said a word within 10 seconds, or if the word provided does not rhyme, say something like:

“Listen, dog – fog. Dog and fog rhyme because they both end the same. Let’s try another one, tell me a word that rhymes with pig.”

Words to be Rhymed

cat
car
mouse
bag
chair
walk
rose
sun
book
face
red
fun
rain
night
read
flower
shout
sack
rat
truck
dog
mug

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