

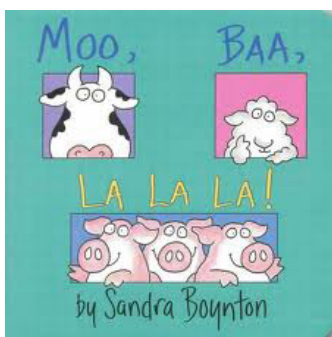
Does it rhyme?

Let's play and talk together

- ❖ Pick out a favourite nursery rhyme or a book of children's rhymes.
- ❖ After reading or saying the rhymes several times correctly, change part of the rhyme to something that doesn't make sense, e.g. "Eeeny, meeny, miney, moe, catch a monkey by his belly button."
- ❖ If your child catches the "error," ask him or her to tell you how it should really sound. If your child does not catch the error, say, "That doesn't sound right! What do you think it should say?"
- ❖ Have fun saying rhymes to one another and changing the words.



A good read-together book



Moo, Baa, La, La, La by Sandra Boynton

You will need some favourite nursery rhymes or other familiar verses.

This activity is good for listening carefully, learning about rhyming patterns and paying attention to word endings.

Hints for success

- ❖ Make this a playful activity—the sillier the better!
- ❖ Start with rhymes that are familiar so it is easy for your child to catch the error.



Ways to say it

More ideas for Does it rhyme?

Try this way

- ❖ Make up some rhyming verses with your child by changing the words of a familiar rhyme or song.
- ❖ Encourage your child to fill in the rhymes as you read children's story books that rhyme, e.g. books by Dr. Seuss.

Language development

Play the following game to help your child learn to hear rhymes and sound patterns. Start with one word, e.g., goat, and take turns thinking of as many words as you can that rhyme, e.g., float, tote, boat, coat. Then make up some nonsense poetry using your rhyming words. Have fun playing with rhymes.

Physical activity

Teach your child some action rhymes like "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear." Say the rhymes as you do the actions. Look in the book **My First Action Rhymes** for more ideas.

Book links

A Child's Treasury of Nursery Rhymes
by Kady MacDonald Denton
My First Action Rhymes by Lynne Cravath
Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss
Fox in Socks by Dr. Seuss



Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around.
(turn around)

Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the ground.
(bend and touch ground)

Teddy bear, teddy bear, jump on the floor.
(jump up and down)

Teddy bear, teddy bear, sing once more!
(clap hands 3 times)

Traditional