



## Create a Rhyme

### What is “Create a Rhyme” and why is it important?

“Create a Rhyme” is a strategy that can be used to help your child learn to identify rhyming words. Rhyming helps your child become aware of the sounds in words. It is an important step in learning to read.

### How can I use “Create a Rhyme” with my child?

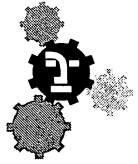
Your child can create rhymes by completing familiar rhymes such as, "Hickory, Dickory, Dock, The mouse ran down the \_\_\_\_\_." Your child would complete the rhyme with the word clock. Or, using the structure of a familiar song like, "Down by the Bay," your child can substitute and create original rhymes. Have your child use "real" words to create the rhymes. This is a good strategy to use during car rides or walks.

*Down by the bay  
where the watermelons grow  
back to my home, I dare not go  
For if I do, my mother will say,  
did you ever see a \_\_\_\_\_ (pig)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (eating a fig)  
down by the bay?*

Repeat the refrain and substitute rhyming words such as:

*did you ever see a \_\_\_\_\_ (hog)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (sitting on a log)*

*did you ever see a \_\_\_\_\_ (goat)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (rowing a boat)*



**Hickory, Dickory, Dock**  
 Hickory, dickory, dock,  
 The mouse ran up the clock.  
 The clock struck one,  
 The mouse ran down,  
 Hickory, dickory, dock.

**Diddle, Diddle, Dumpling**  
 Diddle, diddle, dumpling, my son John,  
 Went to bed with his stockings on;  
 One shoe off, and one shoe on,  
 Diddle, diddle, dumpling, my son John.

**A Diller, A Dollar**  
 A diller, a dollar,  
 A ten o'clock scholar  
 What makes you come so soon?  
 You used to come at ten o'clock  
 But now you come at noon!

**Hey, Diddle, Diddle**  
 Hey, diddle, diddle,  
 The cat and the fiddle,  
 The cow jumped over the moon;  
 The little dog laughed  
 To see such sport,  
 And the dish ran away with the spoon.

**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.

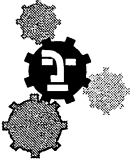
**Rain, Rain, Go Away**  
 Ran, rain, go away,  
 Come again another day.

**It's Raining, It's Pouring**  
 It's raining, it's pouring,  
 The old man is snoring.  
 He bumped his head  
 And went to bed,  
 And he couldn't get up in the morning

**One, Two, Buckle My Shoe**  
 One, two,  
 Buckle my shoe;  
 Three, four,  
 Shut the door;  
 Five, six,  
 Pick up sticks;  
 Seven, eight,  
 Lay them straight;  
 Nine, ten,  
 A big fat hen;  
 Eleven, twelve,  
 Dig and delve;  
 Thirteen, fourteen,  
 Maids a-courting;  
 Fifteen, sixteen,  
 Maids in the kitchen;  
 Seventeen, eighteen,  
 Maids in waiting;  
 Nineteen, twenty,  
 My plate's empty.

**Little Bo Peep**  
 Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep,  
 And can't tell 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;  
 But where is the boy  
 Who looks after the sheep?  
 He's under a haystack,  
 Fast asleep.



**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.

**Roses are Red**  
 Roses are red,  
 Violets are blue,  
 Sugar is sweet,  
 And so are you.

**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 to quick,  
 Jack jump over  
 The candlestick.

**There Was a Little Girl**  
 There was a little girl  
 Who had a little curl  
 Right in the middle of her forehead;  
 When she was good, she was very, very  
 good,  
 And when she was bad, she was horrid.

**Little Miss Muffet**  
 Little Miss Muffet  
 Sat on a tuffet,  
 Eating her curds and whey;  
 Along came a spider,  
 Who sat down beside her  
 And frightened Miss Muffet away.

**Georgie Porgie**  
 Georgie Porgie, pudding and pie.  
 Kissed the girls and made them cry;  
 When the boys came out to play,  
 Georgie Porgie ran away.

**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.

**Little Jack Horner**  
 Little Jack Horner  
 Sat in a corner,  
 Eating his Christmas pie;  
 He put in his thumb,  
 And pulled out a plum,  
 And said, "What a good boy am I!"

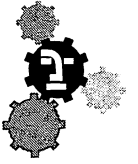
**Hot Cross Buns!**  
 Hot cross buns!  
 Hot cross buns!  
 One a penny, two a penny,  
 Hot cross buns!

If you have no daughters,  
 Give them to your sons;  
 One a penny, two a penny,  
 Hot cross buns!

**Simple Simon**  
 Simple Simon met a pieman  
 Going to the fair;  
 Said 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."

**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 her poor dog had none.



*Mother Goose Rhymes*

**Three Blind Mice**

Three blind mice,  
Three blind mice,  
See how they run!  
See how they run!  
They all ran after the farmer's wife,  
Who cut off their tails with a carving knife,  
Did you ever see such a sight in your life,  
As three blind mice?

**Jack Sprat**

Jack Sprat could eat no fat,  
His wife could eat no lean,  
And so between the two of them  
They licked the platter clean.

**Seesaw, Margery Daw**

See-Saw, Margery Daw  
Jenny shall have a new master;  
She shall have but a penny a day,  
Because she can't work any faster.

**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.

**Ladybug, Ladybug**

Ladybug, ladybug,  
Fly away home,  
Your house is on fire,  
And your children are gone.

**Sing a Song of Sixpence**

Sing a song of sixpence,  
A pocket full of rye;  
Four and twenty blackbirds  
Baked in a pie.

When the pie was opened,  
The birds began to sing;  
Wasn't that a dainty dish  
To set before the king?

The king was in his counting-house  
Counting out his money;  
The queen was in the parlor  
Eating bread and honey.

The maid was in the garden  
Hanging out the clothes.  
Along came a blackbird  
And pecked off her nose.