

TEACHING HOW TO RHYME



1. **EXPOSURE:** Let your child hear rhyme as much as possible

- Sing nursery rhymes and songs (Raffi is great!)
- Read rhyming books such as Dr. Seuss

2. **EXPERIENCE:** Play around with words and sounds – don't be afraid to be silly!

- **Body name game:** Tell your child you are going to play a rhyming game. Explain that rhyming words have the same sounds at the end. Point to a part of your body, say a rhyming word, and your child should say the body part you are pointing to. For example, point to your nose and say “rose”.

- **Other rhyming pairs:** deer-ear pail-nail sack-back
go-toe put-foot gum-thumb
bye-eye see-knee deck-neck
bear-hair fin-chin band-hand
farm-arm feel-heel peek-cheek



- **Down by the Bay – Make up your own.** Remember it does not have to be a real word. Encourage any attempts, even if they are not real words. For example: “Did you ever see a horse eating a *borse*?”



3. **EXPLICIT INSTRUCTION:** Talk about how rhyming words sound the same at the end but have different beginning sounds

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