

Rhyming Test

Rhyming is one of the best predictors of how easily a child will learn to read. To find out if your child is able to recognize and produce rhyme, just go over a few of the questions from this simple rhyming test!

Can Your Child *Recognize* Rhyme?

Do these words rhyme?	Yes/No
fish/wish	
horse/cow	
top/mop	
king/ring	
on/off	
stamp/lamp	
rake/take	
big/small	
nose/rose	
dry/fry	

Total Correct _____

If your child was unable to recognize all the rhymes, continue to provide a language-rich atmosphere in which you and your child explore a variety of books that contain rhyme. Read several books a day, and place an emphasis on the rhyming words by saying them a bit louder than the others.

As you read, occasionally point out words that rhyme. (“Oh, *goat* and *boat* rhyme! They sound the same at the end. *Goat, boat.*”)

Can Your Child *Produce* Rhyme?

Tell me a word that rhymes with...	(Real or nonsense words are fine!)
ball	
log	
now	
blue	
joy	
sat	

Total Correct _____

If your child has difficulty producing rhyme, continue to reinforce the concept of *recognizing* rhyme. Point out examples of rhyme that you encounter each day during read-aloud time and in conversation, and involve your child in lighthearted discussions about rhyming words.

“Look at the *frog* on that *log*! Oh, that was a rhyme! *Frog* rhymes with *log*. Let’s see if we can think of another word that rhymes with *frog* and *log*.”

For more ideas for teaching rhyme, check out the [All About Reading Pre-reading program](#), and read our blog post on [“Five Ways to Teach Rhyming.”](#)