

Using Rhymes

To Extend Language Skills

By hearing and saying rhymes, along with repeated words and phrases, your child learns about spoken sounds and about words. Rhymes also spark a child's excitement about what comes next, which adds fun and adventure to reading.

Rhyme It!!

1. Select a book with rhyming words, word games, or songs
2. Include clapping, bouncing, or tossing a ball to stress the rhyming sounds
3. When reading a nursery rhyme, stop before a rhyming word and encourage your child to fill in the blank
4. Around the house, point out objects and say their names, for example, *sink*, then ask your child to say as many words as he can that rhyme with the word *sink*.
5. If your child has an easy-to-rhyme name, ask her to say words that rhyme with it: Kate – plate, late, wait, date, gate.