

Games with sounds – things that rhyme



cat



moon



house



hat

How to play

Explain that rhyming is when two words sound nearly the same, like “cat” and “hat” or “dog” and “log”. Say the words on this page to your child. Help them to point to words that rhyme. Ask “Do these rhyme – spoon/boat?”, “Do these rhyme – mouse/house?”



spoon



coat



mouse



boat



Pre-school is a lot about getting ready for school. School will involve learning to read and write. This game starts this journey by helping your child to learn about sounds in words.



TIP: Singing with your child helps teach them about rhymes. Point out the rhyming words in the song or leave off the last word e.g. “Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great...” When your child puts in the missing word, you can say “That rhymes – wall and fall, they rhyme”.

Some children may not be ready for this game yet, so don’t force it, but return to the game when they are a bit older. Once your child understands rhyming, you can have fun on journeys making-up words that rhyme with each other – even made-up words work, e.g. donkey, stonkey.