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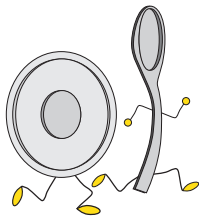
Children need to hear 1,000 stories read aloud before they begin to learn to read for themselves. Rhymes and books often have one or two unusual words. Having a large vocabulary helps children understand what they hear and what they will later read.



Hey Diddle, Diddle

The order in which things happen in a story is important. Say the nursery rhyme with your child and help them put the pictures in order to match the rhyme.

*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.*



Read!

Read rhyming words to your children to build vocabulary. Change the beginning or end sound to form a new word.



Rhyming Words

What rhymes with “sat?”



CAT



CLOCK



BAT



HAT



BALL



CHAIR

What rhymes with “man?”



APPLE



FAN



CAN



TREE



PAN



BOOK

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Repeat nursery rhymes to your children over and over again. Children love repetition and need it to learn. When you say them “wrong”—your children will correct you!



Nursery Rhyme Mix-Up

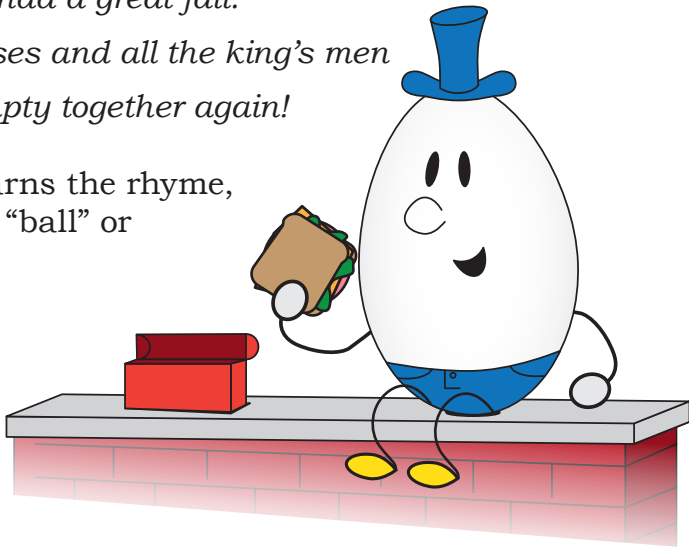
Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

All the king's horses and all the king's men

Couldn't put Humpty together again!

After your child learns the rhyme, replace “wall” with “ball” or “men” with “hen.”



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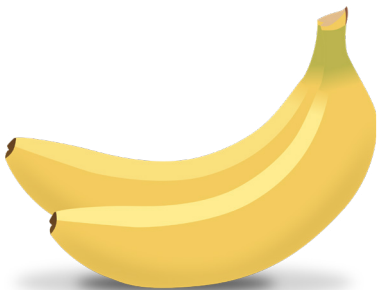
Reading to your children is the single most important activity you can do with them. While you read, point to words in the story that your children know, and clap out the syllables.



Clapping Syllables

Banana	ba-na-na	clap-clap-clap
Balloon	bal-loon	clap-clap
Hippopotamus	hip-po-pot-a-mus	clap-clap-clap-clap-clap

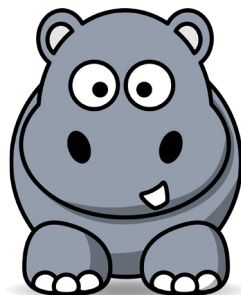
For variety, try snapping fingers and tapping knees for each syllable.



BANANA



BALLOON



HIPPOTAMUS

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Reading sometimes begins with memorizing. Point to words as you read, and soon your child will connect the look of a word to the sound of it.



Match Words with Print

Cow

Dog

Cat

Duck

