

Activity 1: Rhyme Time Detectives



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Get ready to hunt for and identify rhymes and word families in this fun activity where your child will use his listening skills and knowledge of sounds.

Grades: PreK-1st

Goals:

- Identify rhymes and word families in familiar words

Materials: Rhyming book (see our recommendations for children's rhyming books), printable Rhyming flashcards, highlighting tape or wax sticks.

Let's Play:

1. **Motivate.** Begin this activity with an enthusiastic voice to motivate your child. Tell and show your child how much fun the two of you will have.
2. **Introduce** the children's rhyming book you have chosen (see Helpful Parent Script Introducing A Book found in Strategies & Tips)
3. **Set a Purpose.** Give your child a purpose for reading or listening to the rhyming book. Example: *Today when we are reading, you will become a "Rhyme Time Detective" and listen for words that sound alike (rhyme).*
4. **Model.** Use the printable Rhyming flashcards to review rhyming words.
 - a. Shuffle and spread the flashcards on the floor or table.
 - b. **SHOW** (model) and use language like: *"Look at all of these flashcard pictures. I wonder which of these words sounds alike. Let me try to find a rhyming pair first, then you can join in and help me. Well, I see a **cat**. Hmmm.....**cat** – **tree**. Noooo! That doesn't sound the same. **Cat** – **dog**. Noooo! That doesn't sound the same either. Silly me! Oh, oh, I know. **Cat** – **hat**! Yes, **cat** and **hat** both have the "**-at**" sound. Whew! I think I need your help for the next one, are you ready to try? Model again if your child needs it.*
5. **Working Together.** Now it's time for you and your child to work together as the two of you continue being rhyming detectives, looking for and identifying rhyming words found in the children's book. As you read the story to your child, you may want to stress the rhyming words as you provide guidance.

When your child identifies the rhyming words and word families, encourage him to use wax sticks or highlight tape on the pages. (Your child will love this part!)

