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### What you need:

Songs or poems with rhyming words

### Playing the Game:

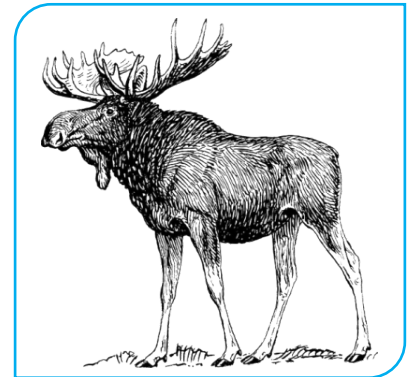
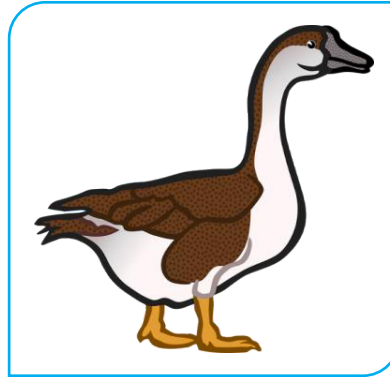


### Learning Connections:

This activity provides opportunities to

- develop an awareness that words can rhyme.
- explore sounds, rhythms, and language structures.

## Rhyming



1. Sing the song or recite the poem.
2. Stop before the word that will need to rhyme.
3. Think of a rhyming word to add to the end of the sentence.
4. Down by the Bay is a great choice for this game:

*Down by the bay  
Where the watermelons grow  
Back to my home  
I dare not go  
For if I do  
My mother will say  
"Did you ever you ever see a goose  
kissing a moose"  
Down by the bay*

If you don't know the song, you can listen here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAjhLexlrDc>

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Books that are written  
in rhyme

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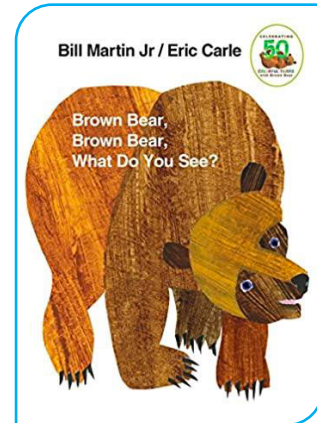
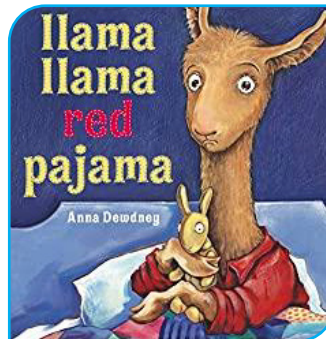


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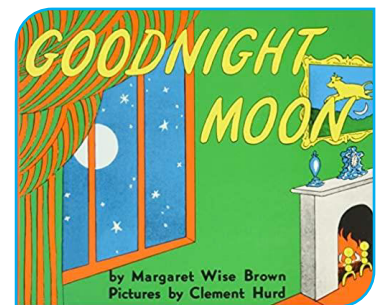
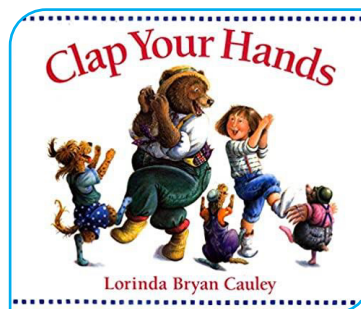
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opportunities to

- develop an awareness that words can rhyme.
- explore sounds, rhythms, and language structures.
- develop an interest in reading.
- develop an awareness that text can convey ideas or messages.

## Rhyming Words in Books



1. Read the book together
2. Read the book again stopping before you read the word that will rhyme.
3. Predict what the next word will be based on rhyme.
4. Think of other words that will also rhyme and insert them instead of the word in the book.
5. Challenge your child to write the rhyming word before you reveal it. Can they write other words that rhyme to make a rhyming list?



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