



Rhyme Time

How Many Words Can You Come Up With?

Beginner: Come up with rhyming words (real or made up).

[Tip]: Bat, cat, hat, dat.

Intermediate: Show simple words, then ask what new words can be made by changing the first letter.

[Tip]: “Bun” becomes “Fun.” If need be, emphasize the “/F/” sound.

Experienced: Create a “Word of the Day” challenge by encouraging your child to write down as many rhyming words as they can.

[Tip]: Spelling doesn't count. Sounding out words gets a high five!

Why is this important? Rhyming helps children see how different sounds make up a word and the connections between letters and the sounds they make.

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