

# Rhyming Riddles

## Primary Objectives

15a. Notices and discriminates rhyme

## Why It's Important

Children can develop their understanding of rhyme by thinking of rhyming words. Giving your child riddles to figure out keeps him interested as he uses thinking skills to solve the word riddle.

## Materials

None

## What You Do

1. Invite your child to play a game called "Rhyming Riddles." Explain that rhyming words sound alike at the end. Offer a few examples and invite your child to name any rhyming words he knows.
2. Explain to your child that a riddle is a word puzzle or a word problem that he will figure out the answer to. Pose a riddle that prompts your child to supply a rhyming word. *I'm thinking of something that you wear on your hands in the winter that rhymes with kittens. What am I thinking of?*
3. If your child gives an incorrect response, offer comments or questions to help him figure out the answer. *Yes, we do wear gloves on our hands in the winter. Listen as I say the two words: kittens... gloves. Do they sound the same at the end? Can you think of something else you might wear on your hands that sounds like the word kittens?*
4. Continue the game for as long as your child is interested.
5. You can use this activity throughout your day by making riddles for your child to answer. *Let's go to the kitchen for our snack. We're having something that rhymes with suit.*