

NURSERY RHYMES

TOP TIPS

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FOR
PARENTS

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Nursery rhymes are important for young children, they help develop an ear for our language. Both rhyme and rhythm help children hear the sounds and syllables in words, which helps them learn to read.

Nursery rhymes are funny – some make little sense, others have unexpected endings! Rhymes can be sung or chanted at any time throughout the day. They are short and quick making them easy to slot into the daily routine. And if you forget the words or are feeling creative you can make up some of your own versions!

Try some of our 'Top Tips' for sharing nursery rhymes together:

Have fun and be silly—use **actions**, **facial expressions** and vary **your tone** to capture your child's interest

Teach your child as many rhymes as you can.
Try to introduce a **new rhyme** each week

Pause before the rhyming word and **encourage** your child to finish the line on their own

Change words (such as names) to **personalise** the rhymes, e.g. "Little Miss [Name] sat on a tuffet."



Say the **wrong words** and let your child correct you!

Rhymes are great **tantrum diffusers** as kids just can not resist joining in!
TRY IT!

Combine the rhymes with **clapping** or movement to reinforce the **sound rhythms**

Make **puppets** or use your child's **toys** to bring the rhyme to life!