

F7: Building Rhymes, Part 1

Lesson Objective: Using one consonant letter card as an aid, children will repeat a spoken word stem, add the letter's phoneme to the beginning and create a spoken word that rhymes with the stem.

Materials & Preparation

- [word list](#)
- [sound cards](#) — these are the same as the cards from [What's My Word? Part 1 \(F1\)](#)

You will want to prop up the sound card for each round so that the child is looking straight at it. Lean it against a block so that it is angled appropriately.

Activity

Video: How to play Building Rhymes, Parts 1-3

Start by modelling for your child how to use the [sound cards](#) to build rhyming words. Choose a sound card that the child knows (for example, [/mmm/](#)) and place it directly in front of her, and touch it underneath the letter.

Adult: I'm going to show you how to build rhyming words!

Touch under the card and say its sound.

Child: mmm

Adult: Yes, /mmm/. I'm going to use that sound to rhyme with at.

What am I going to rhyme with?

Child: at

Adult: Yes, at. Listen: rhyming with at.

[point to card] mmmat. Mat! I rhymed with at.

Next, have the child join you in building some rhymes:

Adult: Touch under the card and say its sound.

Child: mmm

Adult: Yes, /mmm/. Now touch under the /mmm/ and get ready to rhyme with me.

Listen: rhyming with at.

F7: Building Rhymes, Part 1 (continued)

Adult and Child: [in unison] mmmat. Mat!

Adult: Again. Rhyming with at. Get ready.

Adult and Child: [in unison] mmmat. Mat!

Adult: Yes, mat! We rhymed with at.

Repeat until she is able to build a rhyme with you, without pausing. Now your child is ready to build some rhymes of her own.

Adult: Now it's your turn to rhyme with at.

Get ready: what are you going to rhyme with?

Child: at

Adult: Yes, at. Touch the card, say its sound, and rhyme with at.

Child: mmmat. Mat!

Adult: Yes, mat rhymes with at.

You built a word that rhymes with at!

Let's build some more rhymes using this same card.

Now let's rhyme with et...

NOTE: If your child pauses between the first sound and the rhyme, prod her a little: "Say it fast." Hand gestures may help your child understand and better focus on this activity. For example, have the child make a fist with her left hand while saying the targeted letter sound and a fist with her right hand while saying the word she is going to rhyme with. Have her start with her two fists apart and repeat the two word parts faster while bringing her fists closer together. When her two fists touch, she should say the new rhyming word.

For each starting sound, we have a list of ten words. You will go through that word list three times in one lesson:

1. In the first round, simply have the child build a rhyme with the starting sound and word stem.
2. Go through the list a second time, with the child building a rhyme and the adult using each word in a sentence:

F7: Building Rhymes, Part 1 (continued)

Adult: Yes, dad rhymes with ad.

“I went to the park with my dad.”

3. For the third round, the child will make the rhyme and also make up a sentence using the word.

In Rounds 2 & 3, mix up the order of the word list. Wrap up the lesson by repeating Round 1 with any words that gave the child trouble.

Small Groups (2-5 children)

Additional Materials:

- sound cards and block for each child

Adaptation: Read the main activity, watch the video, and follow the instructions above, with the following changes:

Call on individual children in addition to asking for group answers, to give every child several opportunities to practice this activity. For example:

Adult: OK, we're going to rhyme with this sound. What sound?

Group: /sss/

Adult: Let's rhyme with it. Jack, what are we rhyming with?

Jack: it

Adult: Yes, we're rhyming with it: sss...it. Again: sss...it.

Everyone, say it fast.

Group: sssit. Sit!

Adult: Yes, sit rhymes with it.