ENGLISH, LITERACY, AND COMMUNICATION

Rhyming words

Difficulty level: Easy

English, Literacy, and Communication

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Overview of the concept

This is how you hear that words share the same ending sound, which helps you read new words and enjoy poems, songs, and rhymes. A child who hears that cat and hat rhyme can guess how to read a new word that ends the same way, like mat. Songs and poems use rhyme to make words memorable, which is why a catchy song sticks in your head. Hearing rhymes is one of the first steps to reading, and it makes language fun along the way.



Rule

Two words rhyme when their ending sounds match.

Say both words and listen to the ending sounds: if they are the same, the words rhyme.

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Worked examples

EXAMPLE 1

Q Do 'cat' and 'hat' rhyme?

SOLUTION

Say both words: cat, hat.

Listen to their ending sounds: both end in at.

Yes, they rhyme, because their ending sounds match.

EXAMPLE 2

Q Do 'dog' and 'sun' rhyme?

SOLUTION

Say both words: dog, sun.

Listen to their ending sounds: og and un do not match.

No, they do not rhyme.

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Practice questions

1 Do 'pin' and 'tin' rhyme?

- A Yes
- B No

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2 Which two words rhyme?

- A cat, dog
- B sun, fun
- C pig, hen
- D cup, book

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3 **Say 'pig' and 'log' out loud. Do they end with the same sound?**

A Yes

B No

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4 **Which of these words rhymes with 'cake'?**

A book

B bike

C bake

D back

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Which of these pairs does NOT rhyme?

A cat, hat

B dog, fog

C fish, dish

D sun, moon

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Say 'cake' and 'bake'. What sound do they share at the end?

A ake

B ack

C eek

D ook

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Say 'cup' and 'cap'. Do they rhyme?

A Yes

B No

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A poem needs a word that rhymes with 'star'. Which word fits?

A far

B stir

C store

D step

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Which word does NOT rhyme with 'day'?

A say

B play

C dog

D way

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How many words rhyme with 'cat' in this list: hat, dog, mat, sun?

A 2

B 1

C 3

D 4

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ANSWER KEY

1. Yes

2. sun, fun

3. No

4. bake

5. sun, moon

6. ake

7. No

8. far

9. dog

10. 2

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