



Nursery Rhymes

Nursery rhymes can actually improve your child's language development

Nursery rhymes play an important role in helping young children getting ready to read. The rhymes of singing and saying nursery rhymes help children to hear the sounds and patterns that make up words. Clapping out the words in a song can teach children about dividing words into syllables. (eg. Hickory, Dickory, Dock—each syllable can be clapped as you say the word hick-or-ry—clapping three times)

Nursery rhymes can help children repeat sounds so that they develop better speaking skills (eg. "Hey, diddle, diddle, the cat in the fiddle" repeats the "d" sound)

Listening and memory skills can improve with the repetition of nursery rhymes.

Itsy Bitsy Spider
Itsy Bitsy spider climbing up the spout
Down came the rain and washed the spider out
out came the sun and dried up all the rain
Now Itsy Bitsy spider went up the spout again!



Rhyming words demonstrate how words can sound alike as well as different. This prepares children in learning how to read by playing with sounds in words. (eg. "clock" and "dock" rhyme; they sound the same but begin with different sounds.



Hey diddle, diddle
The cat and the fiddle
The cow jumped over the moon
The little dog laughed to see such a sport



Hickory Dickory Dock,
The mouse ran up the clock
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down
Hickory Dickory Dock.

