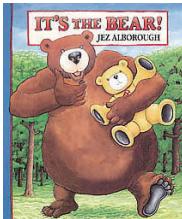
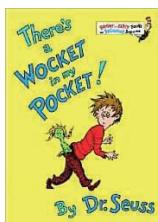


5. Favourites!



It's the Bear
Jez Alborough

Eddie and his mother are walking in the woods to have a picnic. Eddie is scared about the great big bear that lives in there! Mum leaves Eddie and his teddy Freddie to go fetch dessert. Much to Eddie's dismay, along comes the Bear!



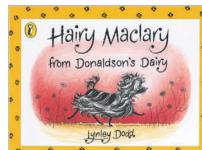
There's a Wocket in my Pocket!
Dr Seuss

A boy lives in a house where he finds all sorts of interesting creatures, like the ZOWER enjoying a shower or a ZELF napping on a pantry shelf. An engaging book full of fun



The Little Yellow Digger
Betty & Alan Gilderdale

This story tells of the day the little yellow digger came to dig a drain and it poured and poured with rain. The digger got stuck, so bigger diggers came to help, but they all got stuck too! Many rhyming words with a fun and interesting story make this an all time favourite.



Hairy Maclary
Lynley Dodd

Hairy Maclary and friends are mischievous dogs with a great sense of adventure and a nose for trouble. There are a series of Hairy Maclary books, all have simple and enjoyable repetitive rhymes.

After Reading the Book

Read the book again! Then try some of these ideas:

- ◆ Point out the rhyming words on each page
eg. “Sue and blue sound a lot the same, they rhyme.”
- ◆ Play a rhyme matching game where you say two of the rhyming words and another that doesn’t
eg. “What rhymes with truck, is it stuck or rain?”
- ◆ For those children who can already rhyme, play some funny word games by changing the rhyming word
eg. “The green queen, what else could she be..... the bean queen!”

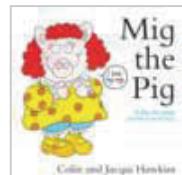
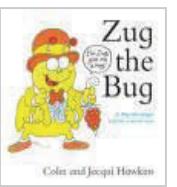
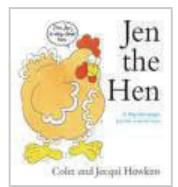
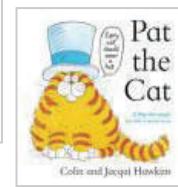
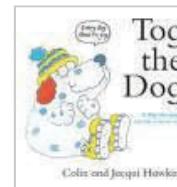
Great Books for Language Learning



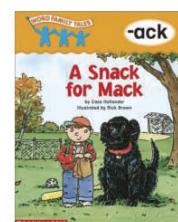
Stories for Stepping into Rhyme

1. Books with One Rhyme Pattern

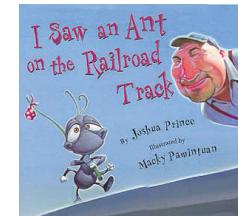
Series Titles: Pat the Cat, Jen the Hen, Tog the Dog, Mig the Pig, Zug the Bug
By Colin & Jacqui Hawkins



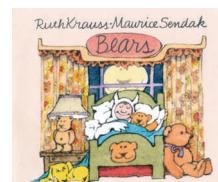
Series: Word Family Tales
Scholastic Publishing



I saw an Ant on the Railroad Track
Joshua Prince



Bears
Ruth Krauss & Maurice Sendak



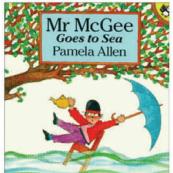
About these books

Books that have one rhyme pattern throughout the story help develop the concept of rhyme. Rhyming words sound almost the same and the constant repetition of the same word ending, as in “at” with “Pat the Cat” makes rhyme more obvious to children. This helps children learn and understand what “rhyme” means.

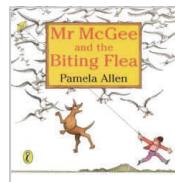
2. Books where several rhyme patterns dominate

Several rhyme patterns dominate the story in these rhyming books.

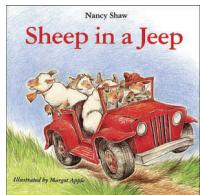
McGee Goes to Sea



Mr McGee and the Biting Flea Pamela Allen



These books tell the stories of Mr McGee and his adventures. The stories have simple sentences with some rhyme patterns repeated.



Sheep in a Jeep Nancy Shaw

"Beep! Beep! Sheep in a jeep on a hill that's steep. Oh, the jeep won't go, sheep leap to push the jeep." Five sheep go riding in a jeep and experience many disasters along the way.

After Reading the Book

Read the book again!

- ◆ This time talk about how the words sound similar. Say each of the rhyming words over again as a new rhyming word appears
eg, "Jen, hen, pen".
- ◆ Point out what part of the word sounds the same
eg. "The "en" part of the word sounds the same in "Jen, hen, pen.
That makes these words rhyme."
- ◆ Think of other "en" words. They can be real or nonsense words.
- ◆ Make up your own story with a repetitive rhyme pattern, eg. "ap" words. Think of words for the story by going through the alphabet
eg. cap, gap, nap, map, map.

Also think of rhyming words that begin with "l, r and s" consonant blends
eg. "clap, trap, snap."

Choose a character whose name has the rhyme pattern eg. "Mr Bap" and then develop your story with some of these words,
eg. "Mr Bap took a nap, then heard a clap, a flap, and a snap. He looked up to see a bird caught in a trap!"

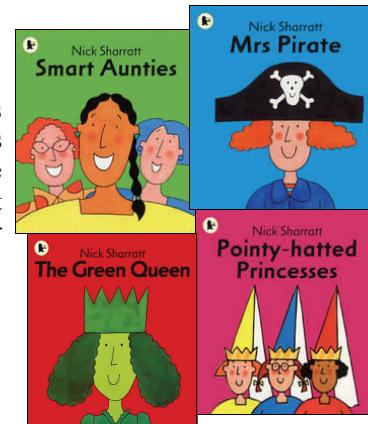
Hearing the same rhyme pattern over and over again helps children to hear the similarities in the words and further adds to their understanding of what is rhyme.

3. Simple stories where rhyming words are close together

These books have bold, colourful pictures with a simple story line. Most pages have very short sentences, and the rhyming words are often close together, making the rhyme feature more obvious to children.

Smart Aunties Nick Sharratt

Auntie Sue wears blue. Auntie Dots wears spots ... here are seven of the smartest aunties you could ever wish to meet!



The Green Queen Nick Sharratt

This is a colour filled story about the green queen, who lies in her red bed looking at the grey day.



Mrs Pirate Nick Sharratt

When Mrs Pirate went shopping, she bought an apple pie and a patch for her eye. Mrs Pirate shops some more and finds lots more to buy!

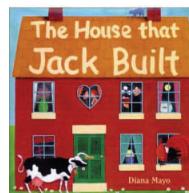
Pointy-hatted Princesses Nick Sharratt

Princess Trudy is really moody and the other princesses are feeling gloomy too. Can anything brighten their day?

The Eye Book Dr Seuss

A boy and rabbit both have two eyes that see all kinds of things, from blue and red to a bird and a bed.

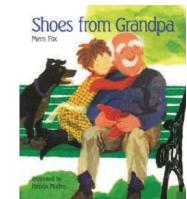
4. Books where the rhyme is repeated and grows



The House that Jack Built Diana Mayo

*"This is the dog that worried the cat
That chased the rat,
That ate the malt,
That lay in the house that Jack built."*

These books use repetitive wording making them easy for children to learn and enjoy.



Shoes from Grandpa Mem Fox

"Mum said. 'I'll buy you a skirt that won't show the dirt to go with the socks from the local shops, to go with the shoes from Grandpa,'"