

Rhyming Stages Checklist

Rhyme awareness moves through 3 stages — exposure, judgment, production — from the how-to-teach-rhyming-toddlers guide. They build in that order; skipping ahead causes frustration for no benefit.

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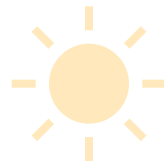
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How to use this worksheet

- 1 Work through the stages in order — don't skip to production before judgment is solid.
- 2 Try the example prompts on this stage's page over a few days.
- 3 Check the box once the stage feels solid, and write the date.
- 4 It's fine to keep casually revisiting stage 1 (just hearing rhymes) even once you're working on stages 2 and 3.

Tip

The most common mistake is asking a 2-3 year old to produce a rhyme (stage 3) before rhyme judgment (stage 2) is secure — spend real time on stage 2 first.



Stage 1 — Exposure

Typical age: from about 18-24 months.

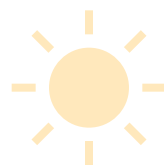
Just hearing rhymes, repeatedly, through nursery rhymes and songs. No task, no questions, just exposure.

Example prompts to try:

- Sing a nursery rhyme together today.
- Read a rhyming picture book aloud.
- No quiz needed — just repeated hearing.

☐ **This stage feels solid**

Date practiced: _____



Stage 2 — Rhyme Judgment

Typical age: from about age 3.

A simple yes/no judgment — much easier than generating a rhyme, and it should feel solid before moving on.

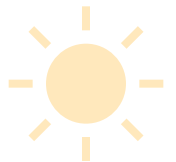
Example prompts to try:

- "Does cat rhyme with hat?" (yes)
- "Does cat rhyme with dog?" (no)
- "Does sun rhyme with fun?" (yes)



This stage feels solid

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Stage 3 — Rhyme Production

Typical age: from about age 4.

Genuinely harder — it requires generating, not just recognising. Don't start here before stage 2 is secure.

Example prompts to try:

- "Can you think of a word that rhymes with cat?"
- "Can you think of a word that rhymes with sun?"
- "Can you think of a word that rhymes with pig?"



This stage feels solid

Date practiced: _____

