

~ FAMILY FUN AT MEALTIME ~

RHYMING

Read books and nursery rhymes with your child. Point out words that rhyme while reading.

What's In My Basket? – This game will help your child produce rhyming words.

1. Fill up basket with household materials. (Ex. spoon, ball, shoe, pen, sock, key)

2. Explain to child, "We are going to play a rhyming basket game. You will pull out one object at a time and tell me the name of the object. After you tell me the name, tell me a new word that rhymes with it. This word can be a real world or it can be a nonsense word, but it has to rhyme."

3. Say the poem:
"A tisket, a tasket,
Here is the rhyming basket.
Words that rhyme end the same
Now, let's play the rhyming basket game.
Shoe rhymes with glue or voo."



ALLITERATION

Occurs when you hear the same sound at the beginning of words
Appetizing Alliteration — Make meal time conversations "appetizing" by using alliteration. Try serving "tasty tacos", "jazzy juice", "crispy crackers" or "leafy lettuce."

Zesty Zoo — Have children come up with names for the animals at the zoo using alliteration. Think of "Ella Elephant", "Floyd Flamingo", and "Tyson Tiger".

LISTENING

Play games that encourage listening

- **Simon Says**
- **Red Light/Green Light**

Sing echo songs to encourage listening

Boom Chicka Boom

I said a Boom Chicka Boom
(I said a Boom Chicka Boom)
I said a Boom Chicka Boom
(I said a Boom Chicka Boom)
I said a boom chicka rocka
chicka rocka chicka boom
(I said a boom chicka rocka
chicka rocka chicka boom)
Uh-huh (Uh-huh)
Oh yea (oh yea)
One more time (One more time)

SYLLABLES

Do this fun chant with your child.
Higgledy, piggeldy, bumblebee,
can you say your name for me?

Na-tash-a

Get ready to clap it - Na-tash-a
Get ready to stomp it - Na-tash-a
Get ready to snap it - Na-tash-a
Get ready to count it - Na-tash-a

Repeat with silly voices
(monster, whisper,
cheerleader, cowboy,
opera, robot)

