



# Make Time for a Rhyme

Sharing nursery rhymes with your baby or toddler lays the foundation for later reading success. Children listen to the rhymes and learn to notice different sounds. They develop their vocabulary. When rhymes have finger or hand movements with them, they develop their rhythm and learn to control their movements.

Share nursery rhymes with your young child every day. Check out a Mother Goose book from the library and then

- read with expression.
- point to the pictures and talk about them.
- repeat your child's favorite rhymes.
- play rhyming games. (What rhymes with "wall"? What rhymes with "men?" in the rhyme below?)

## Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall;  
Humpty dumpty had a great fall;  
All the king's horses and all the king's men  
Couldn't put Humpty together again.



## Open, Shut Them

Open, shut them, (*Open and close hands in front of you*)

Open, shut them,

Give a little clap. (*Clap, clap*)

Open, shut them,

Open shut them,

Lay them in your lap. (*Fold hands in lap*)

Creepy crawly,

creepy crawly

Right up to your chin. (*Fingers crawl up chest to chin*)

Open up your little mouth (*Open mouth*)

But do not let them in (*Quickly put hands behind back*)

